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WEATRER Sunny spells in the afternoon after a dull start

Rebels subvert two-party campaign

Leaders watch their backs as parties head for election

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Any doubt that Britain is already in the midst of the longest, most hotly-contested general election cam-paign on record was stripped away last night by the disclosure that Labour leaders are planning to hit back at the Tory "lie machine" with a poster campaign in holiday resorts from Blackpool to Malaga.

Although the election may not come for another ten months, the two parties are attempting to cover up their own divisions with thunderous summer and autumn attacks

Though John Redwood denied in New York last night that he was planning an alternative Tory manifesto. he made it clear there would be no let-up in his campaign to press John Major onto a more right-wing

Meanwhile, the Labour leader Tony Blair, who completes his reshuffle today, may be ready to remove the whip from one of his dissidents, in an attempt to reassert his authority over the left wingers after they complained of dirty tricks in the Shadow Cabinet elections.

Ken Livingstone, the Labour leftwinger, today should receive a warning from the Chief Whip, Donald Dewar, telling him to stop spreading hes about Labour colleagues after he claimed that Irene Adams had been forced by leadership "intimidation" to withdraw from the Shadow Cabinet elections charge she publicly denied.

warnings not to rock the boat by con-ever is deadly serious in its attempt



demning "massive booe-crunching pressure" placed on MPs not to stand in last week's Shadow Cahinet elections, But Brian Wilson, a member of the party's campaign team, attacked those he said were indulging in the sort of anti-leadership activity seen in the early Eighties.

British holidaymakers may be dismayed to find they cannot escape the campaigning even as they head for sun and fun on the beaches in Spain. Mr Livingstone ignored earlier Greece and Portugal Labour how- 41 in East Anglia.

to dispel the impact of the Tory "New Labour New Danger" poster campaign which has extended to Labour strongholds across Britain.

The Tories are spending an estimated £10m on their ten-month poster campaign, with the prospect of no let up until polling day. They are using 1,291 sites across Britain including 411 in London, 102 in Scotland, 189 in the north-west, 190 in the Midlands, 132 in 1

Labour MPs in safe seats have be operating.

been alarmed to find their constituencies targeted.

Labour "spin doctors" privately admit that the Tory campaign may work, by slowly softening up the elec-torate to regard Tony Blair as "dangerous", unless the campaign is countered. Labour is preparing to unveil its own posters, to warn holidaymakers in seaside resorts around British shores and the Mediterranean that when they get home, the Tory "lie machine" will still

"The Tories have only one negative strategy and that is to scare people into fearing Labour. We have got to ensure that we are able to present the positive message in the manitesto, New Labour New Britain, Parallel with that, we have got to nail the Tory lie machine," said one

Labour strategist. The strike on the London Underground, which again disrupted the

worse, "If things get really difficult for them, and they are still struggling in the New Year, they may try to pre-cipltate a crisis to blame Labour." The use of negative campaigning,

borrowed from American presiden-tial elections, will not work, Labour believe, so long as the Tory internal feud continues over the economy and



'i will continue to ... debate the unsuitability of Labour to govern.' Redwood, page 2

tribute to the debate on taxation. Europe and the unsuitability of Labour to govern." There are plans to issue a Redwood pamphlet before the Tory Party annual conference which will directly challenge Mr Major's "wait and see" approach to the European single currency - an approach also thrown into question vesterday by the cross-party Commons select committee on Treasury

Both Mr Major and Mr Blair have been warned that whoever forms the next Government, the timetable for a single currency cannot be avoided, and they will have to deal with it be-fore the end of 1997. But Mr Major's problems over Europe are infinitely greater than Mr Blair's at the moment, partly because the rift in the Tory Party is more fundamental, but also because the combatants on the Tory side have their sights on the next leadership election. Some senior Tory MPs are already privately discussing the campaign teams for the leadership election, after the general election defeat, and whether Mr Redwood, Michael Howard, or Michael Portillo would be the best challenger from the right against Stephen Dorrell and Kenneth Clarke from the left. With the personal campaigns coming closer to the surface, Mr Major has little hope of calling for unity in his party.

Any move by the former Tory leadership challenger to publish an alternative manifesto would be "an act Mr Redwood, on a speaking tour of extraordinary pretentiousness capital yesterday, enabled the Tories of America, yesterday denied he and disloyally", Quentin Davies, to cridcise Labour leaders, who fear planned to issue a manifesto, but he the ardently pro-European Tory MP said oo BBC radio.

Woman chief constable backs legalised brothels

JASON BENNETTO

Pressure from the police to liberalise the laws oo prostitutioo grew yesterday as Britain's first woman chief constable backed calls from a senior colleague for brothels to be made legal.

Another chief constable pro-

posed a Royal Commission to review the "muddled" laws oo prostitution.

The debate on policing prostitution erupted yesterday, following the disclosure in the Independent that Keith Hellawell, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire police force, supported the establishment of licensed brothels in order to get prostitutes off the streets, allow thorough health checks and enable taxation. He described the laws on brothels as "absurd".

Pauline Clare, head of the Lancashire force, said she would also like to see prostitution regulated in brothels.

She said: "It's a fact of life that prostitutes have been around for many, many years and there's obviously a need for the services that they provide. "I would like to see them be-

ing regulated in a way that they would be much safer."

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make prostitutes safer

Paul Whitehouse, the chief constable of Sussex Police force, told the Independent that a review was needed of the laws concerning prostitutes, which he said were "muddled" and "did not make sense".

A prostitute can sell sex from private premises if she operates on her own. But if two or more women work under the same roof, it is an illegal brothel.

Mr Whitehouse said: "There needs to be a review of the laws of prostitution to consider alternative solutions." He added that any inquiry should he carried out by an indepeodent Royal Commission.

However, he warned that legalising brothels could legitimise prostitution, which may force, or encourage, more womeo to become involved in

the sex industry.
A statement by the Associa-tion of Chief Police Officers said yesterday that a detailed investigation ought to be carried out before any decision to change the law was considered.

The creation of licensed brothels would place saunas and massage parlours where sex is on sale oo a legal footing. It would allow health and safety checks to be made. A similar scheme already operates in Edinburgh and a growing oun-ber of police forces turn a blind eye to off-street prostitution.

Mr Hellawell said yesterday that prostitution was a social issue which the police had not "messed around with" since he joined the force 35 years ago. He said: "At the moment what we're not doing is resolving the issue - we're just pushing the problem about."

His proposals were attacked by Joyce Ansell, spokeswoman for the Josephine Butler Society, which campaigns against prostitution. She said: "People think regulated brothels are perfectly clean and hygienic, but

it's pie in the sky. It doesn't work like that. People in brothels can't choose who they want in

the way of customers.

"Even if the women are all clean and bealthy, and have regular inspections, what about the men visiting them?"

Two prostitutes from West Yorkshire's most infamous red light district also spoke out against legalising brothels. Karen, 30, said: "We could be working in saumas now, but

we're oot because we make more money this way. "The only reason they're suggesting this is because they want to tax us."

Another prostitute, Linda, 24, added: "The police don't really bother the saunas now, so in a way, legalised hrothels al-ready exist." Prostitution is not illegal in

Britain, but soliciting and running a brothel are. Kerb crawling is an offence but not one for which people can be arrested. Those caught can be fined up to £1,000 or cautioned. Some police forces write to suspects at bome or via their employers if they are using a company car in a attempt to shame them over their offence.

Leading article, page 11 UNIT TRUSTS 19

Shearer costs £15m Alan Shearer yesterday left Blackburn to join Newcastle in a world record £15m transfer. The move to the town of his birth follows weeks of speculadoo that he was bound for Manchester United.

The huge transfer fee reflects the spiralling value of star players in a sport where the financial states are the spiral states. cial stakes are becoming increasingly great as a result of improved television and sponsorship deals. Pages 3, 24

Drug gives hope The first ever drug to treat motor neurone disease (MND), the

fatal degenerative disorder, is launched today. Nunn theatre attack

Trevor Nunn, soon to be artistic director of the National Theatre, yesterday attacked the condition of British theatre and questioned whether a larger subsidy.

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Pierre Buyoya: Burundi return

Burundi slaughter

Hutus and Tutsis continue to kill each other outside Bujumbura, Burundi's capital. There have beeo reports of more than 100 killed in central Burundi after the Tutsi-led army moved to quell unrest following attacks by Hutu rebels.

In Bujumbura Tutsis have been celebrating the new order

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Indonesia fears wave of killing RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Dozens of people are missing, following protests in Indonesia in recent days. Human rights

groups said yesterday that they fear that many of them may never be seeo alive again. The Independent has seen

evidence gathered by buman rights activists in Jakarta, where families have reported their worries about at least 78 missing relatives. The opposition protests are against the regime of President Suharto, who bas ruled Indooesia for almost 30 vears.

The opposition demonstrations, in support of Megawati Sukarnoputri, are the biggest that Indooesia has seen for three decades. At least two people have died, and dozens have been injured. So far at least, the government bas shown no inclination to allow Ms Megawati - daughter of the former leader. Presideot Sukarno - to participate fully in

the political process. Indooesia has in recent years become one of Asia's newest economic tigers. Indonesia is the biggest and economically most powerful country in south-east Asia. But while on the economic front, all the indicators have

been positive, the state has shown little eothusiasm for

increasing participatory democ-At the weekend, police raided the offices of Ms Megawati's

party, where pro-democracy demonstrators had been con-After the raids, as many as 10,000 people took to the

streets. Supporters of the opposition often express concerns about corruption, as well as about the lack of democracy. Armoured cars and troops

have been on the streets of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta. In the short term, the authorities appear to have brought the unrest under control. However, this may yet come

to be seen as a turning point, in the post-independence history of Indonesia. Despite the powers at its disposal, it seems unlikely that the regime will survive the eveots of recent days unscathed.

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Peace process falters over arms

MICHAEL STREETER

The Northern Ireland peace talks stumbled into a new and potentially fatal deadlock yesterday over the decommissionfinally reaching agreement on rules and procedures.

ended early yesterday when delegates at Stormont voted to

But efforts to reach agreement on a preliminary agenda decommis for substantive talks are isolation. foundering on the crucial issue last-minute compromise can be found to keep the talks alive over the summer the prospect

and the UK Unionists are pushing for a "working party" to discuss decommissioning over the summer after the talks hreak up for a recess later this week.

They argue that the issue must be dealt with before subing of terrorist weapons after stantive negotiations take place, as a way of guaranteeing to the Unionist population that the More than seven weeks of peace process can continue slow and often hitter wrangling without the threat of Republican violence hanging over it.

David Ervine of the Proaccept a set of procedures, despite continuing objections from the Democratic Unionists (DUP).

David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party (PUP), which has links with the Ulster Volunteer Force toyalist paramilitaries, warned that violence militaries, warned that violence would resume if the issue of

"I fear the atmosphere is so of decommissioning. Even if a polluled in Northern Ireland. and there is such a fear of a resumption of serious violence. that any hope or opportunity of of future progress seems bleak. even engaging in discussion The main Unionist parties, the Ulster Unionists, the DUP time by those who are purported



Mitchell, talks is 'pleased the rules have en adopted'. **But David** Ervine of the PUP (right) says violence

to be the representatives uf those with guns would be deeply cease-fire. debilitating." Mr Ervine told

BBC Radio 4's World at One. However, the nationalist SDLP are adamant that decommissioning be discussed alongside, and not before, full talks. This stance has found unusual backers in two small Loyalist parties, the Ulster De-mocratic Party (UDP) and the PUP. They are angry that de-commissioning would effectively hamper loyalists and leave them open to violence from the tRA who are not party to the

talks and who have eoded their

Mr Gary McMichael of the UDP said: "It is a disgrace that Unionist parties are arguing that the loyalists be left defenceless under the shadow of the current and very serious IRA threat to the loyalist community."

Last night at Stormont there were clear moves to wrap up the summer's talks in some kind of fudge that would leave the allparty negotiations in a *state of suspended animation" as one be to leave open the question

missioning will be discussed until resumption in September. That move was given impe-tus by the departure of the

talks chairman, the former United States senator George Mitchell, who left Belfast yesterday to attend the funeral of his brother Robert who died in Maine at the weekend. Few believe that real progress can be made under the temporary chairmanship of the former Finnish premier, Hari Holkeri.

As be left, Mr Mitchell described as "unfounded" reports that be was quitting and said he looked forward to returning in September: "I am pleased that the rules and procedures bave been adopted," be said. "... I'm pleased that the participants will now be able to move beyond this discussion and onto the agenda and then onto substantive and meaningful negotiations."

The question of decommissioning is rapidly emerging as

talks could founder. Unionists fear that the SDLP, backed by the Irish government, are look-ing to revive a pan-nationalist movement and may use decommissioning as a pretext to end the talks and instead seek an imposed settlement worked out by the British and Irish

The SDLP on the other hand believe Unionists are trying to make the talks concentrate solely on decommissioning which they will use as a stick to beat the nationalist stance.

Sinn Fein is not represented at the talks because of the end

of the IRA cease-fire. The extent of the pressure on the uneasy loyalist cease-fire was highlighted by an apparent statement by the mid-Ulster brigade of the UVF wbo claimed that the PUP and UDP were in effect supporting the pan-nationalist front at the negotiations.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

A shopworker who killed a man as he ran through a supermarket lashing out with two knives was jailed for life yesterday. Shahid Iqbal, 23, admitted the killing and also wounding nine others, including a shop assistant, customers and passed by in the attack at the Netto store. customers and passers-by in the attack at the Netto store, in Bordesley Green, Birmingham, last December.

Warwick Crown Court was told that Iqbal. of Small Heath, West Midlands, had a schizoid personality and a serious mental disorder at the time of the killing. One medical report described the attack as an "unprovoked. frenzied outburst of homicidal fury". The judge, Mr Justice Latham, told Iqbal: "You are a damaged, mentally unstable young man who has the potential to react with explosive frenzied violence without any obvious provocation. That means that you are a serious danger to the public.

planned by detectives searching for the killer of Nicola Parsons, 18. The naked body of Ms Parsons, a care assistant, was found in a derelict building in Plymouth. Devon, on 9 July. She had been raped and strangled. She was last reported alive getting into a taxi in the city's clubland at 2am that day.

The head of Devon and Commoli CID. Detective Chief.

The bead of Devon and Cornwall CID, Detective Chief Superintendent John Essery, said yesterday that they had a DNA profile which they were satisfied was the offender's. The results of 500 DNA samples already taken from males during the investigation were beginning to come in. If there was no match with the offender's sample, screening could be extended to all men over a certain age in Plymouth.

The Liberal Democrats angrily protested last night over the decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Barbara Mills, not to prosecute the Daily Mirror newspaper for issuing free copies supporting Labour at the Littleborough and Saddleworth by-election. "The DPP has 14 days to change her mind; if she

does not there are potentially disastrous consequences for democracy at the general election, "Graham Elson, general secretary of the Liberal Democrats, said. He accused the Daily Mirror, part owner of the Independent, of being in clear breach of the Representation of the People Act. He called the decision not to prosecute "agreemishing." Colin Program astonishing". Colin Brown

Acouple accused of attempted murder and kidnap yesterday appeared before magistrates in Basingstoke, Hampshire. Julie Ann Byelong, 26, of Preston, Lancashire, and Douglas Byelong, 56, of Bacup, Lancashire, were charged with the attempted murder in Salisbury of taxing the charge of the control of the contr driver Mark Slater and unlawfully taking or carrying him away against his will. They were also charged with unlawfully carrying away Michael Hill, six, at Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire. Both were remanded in custody until next Friday when they will appear before Andover

The deaths of hundreds of kittiwakas at a nature reserve were being investigated yesterday by government scientists. Since the end of last week, the seabirds have been found dead and dying at Marsden Bay, South Tyneside, where about 4,000 pairs nest on cliffs under the care of the National Trust. Post-mortem examinations at the local Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Investigation Centre have not established a cause, but further tests are being carried out.

The hirds are of normal weight and have a generally healthy appearance, apart from signs of internal bleeding. Derek Chandler, a vet at the centre, said the cause could be a bacterial or viral infection or some kind of environmental poisoning, but it was too early to draw conclusions.

here will be no paid holiday this summer for more than one in ten British workers, Labour claimed yesterday. The party's employment spokesman, Ian McCartney, said that figures hased on the Government's bour Force Survey, show 11.1 per cent of the United Kingdom's total workforce has no paid holiday entitlement.

Northern Ireland is the hardest hit with 26.3 per cent affected; the south-west of England is next with 13.4 per cent and East Anglia third with 13.1 per cent. Part-timers fare worst, with 1,791,000 affected as against 707,000 fulltimers. Mr McCartney claimed that stress induced by a lack of time off could damage performance at work and said the figures were a "devastating indictment of life in Tory sweatshop Britain".

Wales's oldest man has dled, aged 108. Griffith Williams, of LLithfaen, Gwynedd, was a former Royal Welch Fusilier who once arrested Earnon De Valera, the Irish republican leader. Mr Williams arrested De Valera. later president of the Irish Republic, while serving with the regiment in Ireland in the First World War and spent a night guarding him in a cell. Mr Williams, who died at the Bryn Beryl Hospital, Pwllheli, will be buried at a private

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Peace hopes rise as two sides agree to meet for talks after network is paralysed by latest stoppage

Deadlock broken in Tube dispute

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The first sign of a hreakthrough in the London Underground dispute emerged last night af-ter the capital endured another 24-hour tube strike.

After a day in which the network came to a virtual standstill. causing transport chaos throughout London, management and the two rail unions agreed to meet at the conciliation service Acas for "exploratory" talks.

Negotiators now have nine days in which to reach a settlement before the next 24-hour walkout on 7 August, A further five stoppages are planned over the succeeding weeks in a dispute over a one-huur reduction

in the working week.
Until last night; London Underground had insisted that the argument should be resolved by an arbitrator, while the unions sought conciliation, a process wherehy where offi-cials at Acas liaise between the two parties and attempt to

on the invitation of Acas, was planned to be a less formal process. The aim will to be discover if there is any possibility. of agreement over a suggestion hy management that there should be a two-year deal in order to avoid what seems to have become the annual round of industrial action on London Un-



hring them into face to face. Go-slow: Gridlock in Trafalgar Square yesterday as the tube strike forced thousands more motorists on to the roads

Today's meeting, convened derground, Lew Adams, general secretary of Aslef, the train drivers' union which began a serles of day-long strikes and was later joined by the RMT transportunion, said: "We welcome the opportunity of going to Acas to try an resolve this un-

fortunate dispute.

million travellers switching to buses and others driving into the capital causing huge traffic jams.

Both unions said they had "dear ideas" over how a peace formula might be reached. So far, the unions have argued that a deal struck last year should have resulted in a one-Just nine trains ran yesterday hour cut in the working week. ously and should send a "pow-instead of the usual 441, with a The unions contend that pro-

ductivity improvements already achieved should trigger the reduction, but London Underground has insisted on fresh

improvements in efficiency. Jimmy Knapp, leader of RMT, said support for the action among employees was stronger yesterday than previ-

The party political hattle over the conflict continued with

working week.

Brian Mawhinney, Conservative Party chairman, urging Andrew Smith, Labour's new transport spokesman, to denounce the "hugely disruptive" action. Dr Mawhinney said: "Last year the two unions involved in the day-long national stoppages.

that they should reduce the strike, Aslef and the RMT, gave more than £200,000 to the Labour Party. That, in this case, seems to be the price of silence.

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Meanwhile, the postal executive of the Communication Workers' Union was last night examining the details of a peace formula to resolve a dispute which has resulted in three

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Chief Political Correspondent

A hole was blown in John Major's policy of "wait and see" over the single European currency yesterday by the crossparty Commons select com-

mittee on the Treasury. It is certain to intensify pressure on the Government from Tory Euroscepties for the next Tory election manifesto to rule out Britain's entry into a single currency within the lifetime of

the next Parliament. The Tory Eurosceptics believe Mr Major will be forced into a compromise, ruling out Britain's participation in the first wave of the European Monetary

convinced will begin on time. The committee, chaired by senior Tory hackbencher Sir Tom Amold, reinforced the warnings by Eurosceptic David Heathcoai Amory, who re-

signed as a Treasury minister to campaign against a single currency. This bears out Mr Heathcoat-Amory's view shared by his senior former colleagues at the Treasury ~ that the timetable for the single currency cannot be ducked. The committee said if it was

the Government's intention to take part. There could be costs from not doing so at the outset". These would include losing

policy, arrangements for fiscal System, which the committee is stability and other institutional a further difficulty. "Thus a policy of 'wait and see' would have serious draw-

paper and the promise of a refmatters in the European Union. erendum if the Cabinet pro-The possibility of having to poses Britain's entry to the spend two years in the exchange rate mechanism, one of the criteria for joining, could be

backs," said the committee. While not expressing a view either way on whether or not Britain should or should not join the EMU, the committee's report increases the pressure on the Government to make clear

its intentions on the subject. The report will come as a hlow to the Prime Minister's

single currency. However, the report was wel-

comed last night by Clive Betts. a Labour member of the committee, who is also pro-single currency. "We felt if we simply sat back, we would not have the ability to shape the financial stability pact, and, if we delayed, hut then joined, we would have to go into the second version of

The Prognosis for Stage Three of Economic and Monetary Union Vols 1 and 2 (HMSO), price

the ability to shape interest-rate hopes of uniting the party he- £26.70. Redwood's message to America

DAVID USBORNE

John Redwood vesterday raised the Euro-sceptic banner in New York but said he wanted to "sing from the same hymn heet" as John Major. Mr Redwood disclosed that

when news first surfaced that the Paymaster General, David Heathcoat-Amory, was to resign, he telephoned Downing Street to offer help in addressing the media. "I am trying to sing from the

same song-sheet," he said. "I rang them to ask if the there was a political issue that they would like to get across. But they said there wasn't and that was that". He denied he was preparing to produce an alternative Redwood manifesto - fuelling spec-

ulation that he was "leaned

nn" by Tory Central Office - but

the former leadership chal-

pressing for Mr Major to adopt become a superstate governed more right-wing agenda for the general election on taxation. local government, and Europe. In a numphlet to be published

before the annual Tory Party conference. Mr Redwood is expected to call on the Chancellor to limit income tax cuts to Ip, and to aholish VAT on fuel, to restore the Tories' taxcutting image before the elec-

His principal preoccupation vesterday, however, seemed to be his desire to portray to Re-publicans his own negative "We've always said that I'm views on further European integration.
"I don't want to use Ameri-

ca against Europe, I am committed to Europe. What we're arguing about is what kind of Europe we want to live in.

would then have a choice be by Brussels ... which would include countries that may not share the same common Anglo-Saxon interests.

At the start of a nine-day US tour, taking in a television interviews by Henry Kissinger and Steve Forbes, the Republican primary caodidate, Mr Redwood was forced to react to reports that he was developing a rival manifesto that risked splitting the Tory party before the general election, expected

generating ideas for the manilesto, but that is different from coming up with a rival product," Mr Redwood, who left the

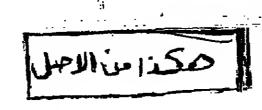
Government after unsuccessfully challenging Mr Major for While it is America's interest for the Conservative Party leaderthe European countries tu trade ship last year, added: "I don't together as one, it would not be wish to issue an alternative lenger confirmed he would be in America's interests for it to manifesto, because people

tween them and that would indeed split the party." The former minister ex-

pressed his hupe that his ideas. notably on cutting public spending to allow a further drop in taxation, would find a place in the election platform. He insisted that even if he were not satisfied with the Party document he would still resist producing an alternative one. Mr Redwood added that he

would also be making suggestions on giving additional powers to local government. "I want to see us on the move again as a local Conservative Party as well as a national Con-

servative Party," he said. He will visit New York, Washington DC and Dallas, Texas. A leading Republican he is hop-ing to meet is Newt Gingrich, the populist Speaker of the House of Representatives, with whom be has been compared.



The Alan Shearer Syndrome

Rise and rise of the super-salariat



JOJO MOYES and CHARLIE BAIN

Anthea Turner did it for £1.5m. Alan Shearer did it for 10 times more. Cilla Black probably wouldn't do it for anything. In the world of the transfer, nearly everyooe uas their price. And for a small baod of people

it's getting higher all the time. Yesterday Alan Shearer became the most expensive footballer when he was transferred from Blackburn Rovers to Newcastle United. His £15m fee is more than four times the £3.6 be cost Blackburn four years ago. Blackburn said they were heartbroken" 10 lose him . But football clubs are not immune to the pull exerted by cold cash, and for a specialised commodity like Shearer the pull is like-

ly to be very strong. He joins a recent list of "super-salariat" who, in a world of service industries more commonly characterised by shortterm contracts and low pay, zigzag backwards and forwards between employers for spiralling salaries and transfer fees.

Sioger-soogwriter George Michael was recently bought out of his cootract with the Sony record company for \$40m (£26m). His oew labels, Virgin and Dreamworks SKG, have offered him a deal with advances of at least \$12m. Formula One racer Damon Hill has reputedly been offered £20m by Williams in a bid to keep him.

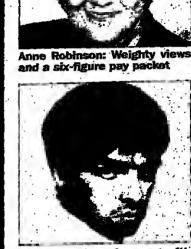
And the television presenter Anthea Turner last week anoouoced she was leaving GMTV to concentrate on a

£1.5m cootract with Carlton. In the City, it has long been accepted that if you want the best, you are going to have to pay for it, usually with six-figure salaries and guaranteed big financial inceotive."



Awash with dosh: Presenter Anthea Turner, who announced she was leaving GMTV to concentrate on a £1.5m contract with Carlton

Photograph: Amold Slater



Damon Hill: Offered £20m lure

to stay in the Williams stable

Noel Gallagher: On song with an £11m contract with Sony

bonuses of up to three times that. David Varney, for example, received a "goldeo hello" of £100,000 when be joined British Gas as an executive, "It's about money. It's as simple as that, although there is obviously the attraction of working for a big institution," said Jonathan Williams, MD of Michael Page (City), one of many head-hunting firms experiencing a renewed boom. "If it's a top guy working for a top US bank they

But outside the City, there are other factors that come into play. In televisioo, the decision to switch to a rival chanoel will depend oo the vehicle being offered as much as salary. "I doubt if you there is any amount you could pay to get someone like Cilla Black to move from LWT," said an ex-ecutive. "Why should she? She's got a great contract and two of the most successful shows on the

hand to a rival label. "A footballer has a very sbort time to recoup the money spent, so it's 'let's sell, sell to the highest bidder'," be said. "Music is differeot: there's a lot of time between the label committing and reaping the benefits. It's an industry driven by personalities and it depends on the relation-

ship they've built up."
He described the biggest draws as "international structure, beneficial royalty rates, and And, according to one music money". But the greatest industry lawyer, it takes more enticement would be the degree than a cheque-book to here a of creative cootrol, he said,

adding that Michael's \$40m move from Sooy was the classic example of this. "George's contract was very much like a football deal - market share is the great god and if you can buy an artist like that your profile is enormous.

The super-salariat, such as of the first year's salary paid to verting the shape of the service industries, where new compamy "stars" earn larger amounts than the skilled and long-serving chairman. More may depeod, for example, oo readers' views of a six-bgure columnist,

such as Julie Burchill or Anne so much for Shearer. Robinsoo than who edits or manages their newspaper. But as the sums increase, so, inevitably, do charges that they cannot bear any resemblance to the returns, Head-hunters, for example, may take 33 per cent

Shearer and Michael, are in- an executive they have placed. And failure to reap those returns may lead to a swift fall. Gordoo Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers Association, yesterday said Newcastle were taking an "extraordinary gamble" in paying

There's a massive risk he will get injured or suffer from loss of form and within a week the biggest signing in the Pre-mier League could be severely

depicted in value." Shearer may consider the fate of his Blackburn colleague Chris Sutton, 23, who hroke transfer records when he was signed in 1994. But he failed to live up to expectations and rumours were circulating earlier this year that he was about to be sold - for a £2m discount. And spending large sums to

try to lure your star does oot always work. The Polygram record company was so des-perate to sign Noel Gallagher of Oasis that it reportedly offered him £10m for rights to his spogs, £9m more than he was

getting from Sony. Dangling a £2m advance, they flew him and his girlfriend to Cannes, where the couple soaked up hospitality to the time of £15,000. At the end of it. Gallagher signed a new £11m cootract - with his old company, Sony.

People who need people -

Hamish McRae, page 19

Brothels and legalisation: Where girls are kept off the streets

Turning a blind eye to a flourishing trade in saunas

CAMPBELL THOMAS

The city of Edinburgh's "see oothing, do nothing approach to prostitution in saunas and massage parlours could be-come the model for other

As two more senior chief constables urged a review of the laws on prostitutioo in the wake of the call by Keith Hellawell, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, for licensed brothels, forces will come under pressure to take a more relaxed attitude to saunas selling sex.

Whatever the moral majority thinks, supporters of the Edinburgh policy - which include councillors and women's groups - can point to its success in keeping prostitutes off the streets and away from the as-

sociated crime and drugs.

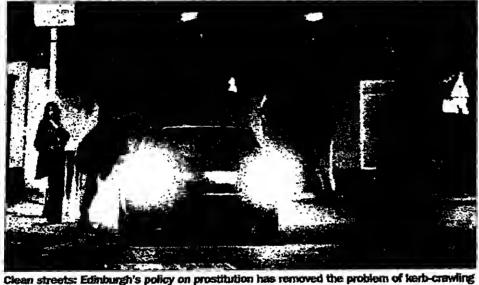
A senior council official in Edinburgh said yesterday: "We do not legalise prostitution, but we do grant public eotertainment licences in terms of the Civil Government (Scotland) Act. That Act authorises for places of entertainment. It is left for each local authority to interpret the definition of enter-

Licence applications for saunas are considered by the council's committee along with applications for amusement arides, childreo's bouncy castles

and bungee jumps.
The official weot on: "The number of saunas in Edinburgh remains static, at around 20, and there are regular checks on environmental health and safety grounds. Most are granted licence renewals without difficulty, and officially the couocil is io ignorance of what goes oo inside.
"The anxieties that the police

have raised from time to time have been in relation to the applicant, rather than the application. If you have ao establishment you are taking women off the streets. Given the choice of plying their trade on the streets, or in a regulated establishment, the establishment is always safer. But prostitution is not legal so we can't condone

The only public opposition to



object to saumas being set up in established residential areas.

The council's liceusing convecer, Douglas Kerr admitted that the process of licensing has oot always been smooth. "We had real problems when we were taken to court after we granted a public entertainment licence to a sauna in Leith" he explained. "We were successfully challenged that we had

the policy comes when residents widespread interest among oth-object to saumas being set up in er forces, including West Yorkshire, West Midlands and Avoo and Somerset.

Margaret McGregor, deputy convecer of the City of Edinhurgh Council and chairman of the city's womeo's committee. said it was safer for women to work from properly licensed saunas. It's easier to give advice to them on things like health checks, contraception and oth-

'If you have an establishment you are taking women off the streets'

granted a public entertainment licence knowing the premises were to be used for prostitution. Since theo we bave had to be much more careful about what we regulate. But large oumbers of women oo the streets would be to oobody's advantage." Police only take action in re-

sponse to complaints. In a typical case earlier this mooth, a proprietor was fined £500 for running a sauna and massage establishment, Scorpio Leisure, where six womeo aged from 20 to 49 were providing sexual services. Police obtained a search warrant after complaints about cars being parked outside the premises and meo hanging about in the area.

The policy has attracted

er issues, including safety. We have had a lot of positive feedback from womeo and women's groups. I feel that most womeo generally would support our sauna policy. It takes prostitutes

off the streets. You read in the papers about prostitutes being killed in other cities, incloding Glasow. This does oot happeo in Edinburgh with our policy in operation. The other thing is that they pay income tax because they are in proper employment and are therefore cootributing financially to society.

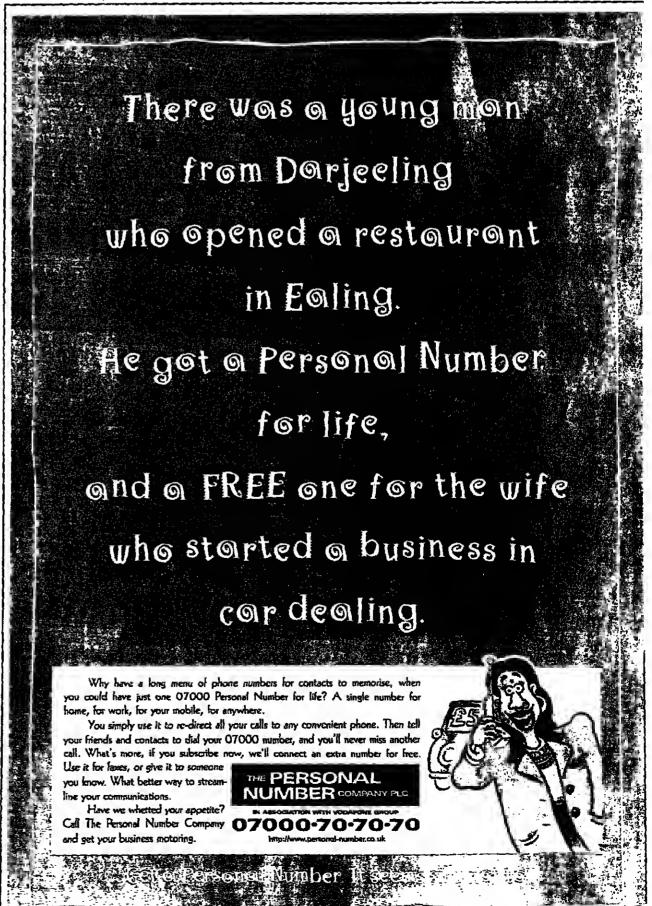
Lothian and Borders police would out be drawn on the moral issues iovolved but a spokesman said: "Sauoas are granted licences by the council. If we receive any specific com-plaint regarding any premises which are licensed under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act by the local authority, then we will investigate that matter. but there has to be a specific complaint connected to the licensing aspect of the premises."

June Taylor, a former Edinburgh prostitute who also worked the streets of Loodoo in the early Seventies and is co-ordinator of Shiva. Scottish HIV Action, a support group for prostitutes said yesterday: "I welcome the chief constable's statement. A leading policeman in Britain has at long last said that the current legislation in Britain is oot working.

"I think he is right to point that aspects of the model currently being used in Edinburgh could be adopted and changed to suit other cities in Britain.

"However, what society currently oeeds is politicians to address this issue and to give a guidance to local authorities in England and Wales so that they could create a regulated set-up with prostitutes.

"Decriminalising the prostitutes and focusing valuable police recourses on those who would exploit and pimp our young people is the only way forward. We should be tackling the people who would procure



Split pensions are not possible before 2000'

Public Policy Editor

People who divorce will have to wait until the oext century for legislation to allow pensionsplitting to take effect, the Government said yesterday as it published a green paper outlining the issues to be tackled.

Allowing pension rights to be split "is the correct thing to do", Lord MacKay, the Minister of State for Social Security said yesterday. "I am sure it will hap-

Government during the passage of the Family Law Bill - is "far more complex than at first ap-pears" and that it raises many "thorny" problems. While these are "not insurmountable", Lord MacKay said, they will require widespread and involved consultation and extensive legisla-

The degree to which the green paper underlined the difficulties led yesterday to Opposition fears that the Govern-

that the proposal - forced on the spite Lord Mackay's promise to imposing a further hig change possible" after a white paper in

> Even with that timetable, the change will oot take place before at least 2000, given the Government's belief that rights in the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS) should be included in pensioo

Modernisation of the national insurance computer, which runs SERPS, will not be But the green paper warns mitment to the principle, de- years, Lord Mackay said, and

move to legislation as soon as on top of that cannot he risked. Changes to the department's dministrative systems to allow pension-splitting "cannot be commenced before April 2000," according to the green paper. you're going to do it, it's best to

Some have argued that SERPS could be excluded. Lord MacKay said, but "that would be wrong. For many people, SERPS is a very hig part of their pension 'pot'." To exclude them would be tantamount to telling many former spouses meot will backslide on its com- completed for two to three that they could not have their own pension rights.

pension-splitting properly, it would be wroog to go at it in a half-baked way and introduce it for the oon-SERPS compooent," Lord MacKay said. "If

do it properly. The greeo paper warns that pension-splitting is likely to add around £500 to the average cost of a divorce because of the need to value pensioo rights. It could also impose costs of around £10m a year on private pensioo providers. And it would reduce the Treasury's tax take latter includes SERPS and

by between £40m and £80m a year - tax that will have to be raised in other ways.

There would, however, be smaller reductions in benefit paymeots, as fewer ex-spouses would have to fall back on to income support and housing ben-

The green paper argues that those in funded private and occupational schemes, where a pot of money to pay pensions is built up, are likely to be treated differently from those in unfunded, pay-as-you-go schemes. The

cluding the civil service pension. Ex-spouses in funded

schemes could be allowed to take a cash sum to invest in their own personal pension - or be allowed to remain in the scheme in a new category of membership with limited rights. Precisely what those rights should be is the subject of coo-

sultation. Those in unfunded schemes. however, would be given no choice, having to stay in but with their rights ideotified separately. Allowing people to trans-

fer out would involve large costs to the taxpayer, Lord MacKay said - around £200m in the first year, a figure that could still be running at £70m

a year in 20 years' time. The paper also makes clear the Government's view that pension-splitting should not cover those who have judicially separated: divorce settlements already reached; or pension rights built up overseas.

Treatment of Pension Rights on Divorce, Cmnd 3345, HMSO

Parents fight for son's education

The parents of a hrain-damaged boy are to take their county council to the High Court in a test case designed to stop schools from refusing to accept

disabled pupils.

Peter and Wendy Crane say their
13-year-old son, Niki, should attend a mainstream school with a full-time helper. He spent almost six years at his local primary school and his parents say he made many friends

despite his problems. But teachers at the comprehensive school which his sister attends, Tarleton High School near Preston in Lancashire, decided they did not want him. The county council agreed be should go to a special school instead.

The family appealed to the specialneeds tribunal set up by the government two years ago to deal with such cases, but they were told earlier this month that they had lost. Now, n national charity is hoping to raise £20,000 to challenge the decision in court. A solicitor and a barrister are

expected to donate their services. John Wright, administrator of the Independent Panel of Special Education Advisers, which helps parents with special-needs children, hopes to win financial support for the case from educational trusts. He said: "Everyone is being swept up ... in a general mood of teacher militancy where they say, 'We decide who comes to our school. It's piracy."

The Cranes say that the Government's code of practice supports their case. Local authorities must decide whether papils can go to the school of their choice, the code says, and can only reject them if the provision they need is not available, if they would disrupt the education of

Fran Abrams reports on a case which aims to stop school 'piracy'

other pupils, or if educating them there would be a waste of resources. Lancashire County Council maintains that Tarleton High School could not meet Niki's needs.

Mrs Crane said the special-needs tribunal had refused to allow them to hring Niki to a hearing and appeared to have ignored most of the evidence in his favour. "We had the strongest case," she said. "I wish they would have told us in the beginning that ... they weren't going to listen to us."

Nīki's supporters include Juhn Kenworthy, a clinical psychologist, who describes the case as a "human rights issue", and Joe Whittaker, who trains special-needs teachers. They are setting up a trust fund for Niki and for Timothy Barnes, who has been refused a mainstream place because he has Downs Syndrome. It is hoped the fund will pay for the children to go to a mainstream independent school.

Jessica Seraga, secretary to the special-needs tribunal, said the lay members of its panels were all experts on the subject. "They do listen very carefully to all the evidence," she said. The council said in a statement:

"The decision [to offer a place in a school for pupils with severe learning difficulties] was taken ... following consideration of representations made by Niki's parents, the advice of professionals involved in the assessment, and discussions with Tarleton High School."

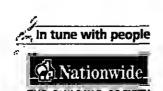


Sean Crawford's prized possessions: his grandfather's boxing trophies



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Home-grown ales show major brewers that small is beautiful

GLENDA COOPER

Small hreweries are no longer small beer for the dedicated drinker, it seems. As Bass confirmed it was in talks about a stake in Carlsberg-Tetley yes-lerday - which, if successful, would tic up 40 per cent of the beer market - the connoisseur who dreads being condemned to drink nothing but warm lager

can sup easy again. While regional, family and microbreweries (small breweries which may only be tied to one pub) currently account for 15 per cent of the hrewing industry, the number of smaller establishments has risen dramatically during the last 20

In 1976 there were only 90 small breweries. Now their number is approaching 400, according to the Campaign For Real Alc (Camra). And the range of beers is growing wider, too, with new ales breaking into the national market through supermarket chains.

"You can get all these weird and wonderful beers from small breweries that you can't get from the big boys," said lain Loe, research manager for Camra. There are literally hundreds of them coming to the Great British Beer Festival next

Winning a prize at the festi-val, can have a dramatic effect the masses, whereas we can of-fer a traditional product with on a brewery. Last year's overall winner was Norman's Conquest, a strong beer made by adventurous enough for a jadairline pilot turned brewer. Chris Norman, who set up the Cottage Brewing Company with

The win altered things significantly for the company, as in the case of Fraoch,

Six local brews to drive you to drink Norman's Conquest Brewed by Cottage Brewing Company, Somerset. 7 per-cent ABV. A dark beer with a very robust flavour.

Solid support: Nick Crane, 13, who is brain-damaged, and his parents Peter and Wendy who plan to take their son's case to the High Court Photograph: Phil Noble

Brewed by Black Sheep, Yorkshire. 5.9 per cent ABV. A fruity beer without being too sweet

Fraoch Heather Ale Brewed by the Heather Ale Company, Alloa, Clackman-nanshire. 4.1 per cent ABV. Made with flowering heather June to December and the old heather December to March.

which now sells Norman's Conquest nationwide in Tesco, Asda and Sainsbury's. "There's been a tremendous explosion in interest." said Mr Norman. "We decided after it won that we just had to go for it. We're producing about 120,000 bottles every month on top of the cask con-

ditioned. He said there would always be a market for small breweries: We offer a product the major breweries aren't particularly interested in producing. They are about producing beers for high quality."

If the 7 per cent volume is not ed palate, some of the more experimental beers produced around the country can have unexpected ingredients, such as co-

heatber. The Heatber Ale Company uses flowering heather from June to December which gives it a unique flavour and taste. These forays have often been

taken up by the major brewers once they have proved suc-cessful. Recent offcrings from Whitbread include Scarlet Lady (flavoured with juniper berries), Fuggles Chocolate Mild and Colonel Pepper's Lemon Ale. But where the smaller play-

ers score over the major brewers is their predilection for completely bizarre names. Serious ale drinkers face the dilemma of ordering a Sneck Lifter, or a Riggwelter, which is not easy after a couple of pints of the stuff. Riggwelter is the Yorkshire name for a sheep that has fallen on its back and cannot get up, which seems highly appropriate as the strength of the brew is 5.9 per cent alcohol

Brewed by Jennings, in Cockermouth, Cumbria. 5.1 per cent ABV: A dark, strong, warming beer. Summer Lightning Brewed by Hop Back,

Sneck Lifter

Salisbury 5 per cent ABV. One of the first light summer ales, which was copied by many other brewers. Spitfire Ale

Brewed by Shepherd Neame, Faversham, Kent. 4.7 per cent ABV. A fruity, hoppy ale with a yeast .

by volume (abv), compared with Boddingtons, which is 3.8 per cent aby.

Patrick Greene, sales marel ager for the Black Sbeep Brewcrs which makes Riggwelter. sees small brewers going from strength to strength. He is dismissive of the major brewers: "They are serving the lowest common denominator. We, on the other hand, produce extremely good beer by traditional brewing and it's no more

Even with the renewed optimism in the real ale industry, the beardy image of the traditional beer-drinker is hard to shake. Chris Norman, who has camed the rest of his beers after famous railway lines, is philosophical: "1 think railway fanatics and truditional beer-drinkers have a lot in common. Let's face it, they both still wear anoraks." Takeover battle, page 15

Police and public differ on crime priorities

The police and public do not al-some agree on what makes a found. of 400 police and 1,000 civilians sion and working with local agencies as more effective, the good police service, according

to a survey yesterday. Vandalism, drink driving, and foot patrols are considered more important issues by the public than by police, according to a report in the Consumers'

Association magazine, Which? Vehicle crime and domestic violence were also given greater

However, both groups agreed that burgiary was the top priority in a list of 15 offences tackled by the police, with hard drugs, street robberies and muggings also givon top attention.

On crime prevention, while the public believes more police on the beat would help reduce priority by the members of the crime, police rate special

survey claimed.

Charlotte Gann, managiog editor of Which?, said: "Our surveys have revealed that the police sometimes have different priorities from those of the public. The Home Office and the police should consider these

A spokeswoman for the Popublic than officers, the survey squads, closed-circuit televilice Federation said: "When it

future.

when setting priorities for the

comes to police priorities we've got to be careful that they are relevant to the public."

She said the federation's own research showed 90 per cent of police officers rated foot patrols highly and said the Which? report findings could reflect the low status attached to patrols by force managers.

"We remain convinced that the public is right to call for more foot patrols." the federation spokeswoman said.

Gospel to jazz up the Proms

first time a whole Prom has been devoted to gospel music. All the members belong to the Seventh Day Adventist Church in London; their repertoire includes classical and chamber music,

part-songs, Negro spirituals, traditional hymns and

contemporary gospel.

The chorale, founded in 1982, has appeared at the Proms only once before, although it has performe throughout Britain and appeared in 1993 in Kurt Weill's Cry, the Beloved Country. It has toured in France, the Netherlands, Spain, Zimbabwe and the USA. Last year it was nominated Sainsbury's Choir of the Year and received the **BBC2** National Gospel Choir

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recent engagements this year were at the Grassington, Warwick and Henley festivals.

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The London Adventist Chorale prepares for a concert to be given an Sunday at the Royal Albert Hall, the



Marianne Macdonald on an angry outburst by the National's new head

theatre

Trevor Nunn, soon to be artis-tic director of the National Theatre, yesterday attacked British theatre for being "intent on becoming a disaster plucked from the jaws of triumph".

Mr Nunn, 56, who became artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company at the age of 28, and later directed both Cats and Les Misérables, said the state of theatre was such that he could no longer claim deserved a larger subsidy.

Even more provocatively, he questioned who would wish to visit the West End when it was so filthy - and suggested that the homeless who were clogging up



Nunn: 'Homeless could help'

its doorways should be put to cleaning the streets.

The central area, particularly Shaftesbury Avenue and surrounding Soho, looks perpetually as if a garbage strike is in its second month; gutters are clogged with litter, refuse is scattered everywhere, pavements are sticky with beer dregs, urine

Who of sound mind would pay money to visit such a re-pellent district in search of entertainment? Every doorway now houses a shivering blankethuddled person," he wrote in the London Evening Standard.

There is an obvious equation. Here on hand is a workto clean up central London, providing an un-

recognisably improved envi-ronment for both indigenous and the visiting population, and self-respect and wages for the erstwhile beggar."

In the Seventies and Eighties, he argued, theatrical wisdom was that if you could "hang on"

But that was no longer the case. "In the past week, still more West End shows have closed, leaving 10 London the-

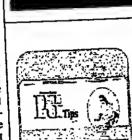
regular speeches not only about why we deserved the subsidy we received from the taxpayer, hul why it made excellent economic sense to give us more. One of my main points was that tourism, especially of the cultural kind, was the higgest growth industry of the last quarter-century.

"Market research had proved

Mr Nunn, who joins the Naments to stop presenting camp entertainments and unnecessary revivals of "boulevard bonbons in a vain attempt to re-attract yesterday's audience".

great old plays.
It is not clear whether the out-

spoken views of the millionaire director will offend the National Theatre. A spokeswoman said:
"We really don't have a com-



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tional Theatre in September next year, said the solution was for "pusillanimous" manage-

In their place, he said, they should stage challenging new plays and new productions of

Hall to revive glory of Old Vic with own repertory company

Sir Peter Hall has been ap-pointed artistic director of the Old Vic theatre with his own resident company and a brief to recapture its glory days of the Twenties and Thirties, writes Marianne Macdonald.

The choice of the former artistic director of the National Theatre is part of an ambitious scheme to reinvigorate the theatre, which has barely broken even in recent years and has not had an artistic director since Jonathan Miller left in

Andrew Leigh, general manager, said the intention was to recreate the Old Vic's "great days of the Twenties to the For-ties when the south-east London theatre was world famous for its classical repertoire.

Later the Old Vic company failed, and after the National

Theatre moved into its own premises in 1976 the theatre's artistic policy had been unfocused, he admitted.

Announcing the appointment yesterday, David Mirvish, the theatre's Canadian owner, said the idea of a repertory company returning to the Old Vic was so "dangerous" that Sir Pe-ter was the only person he

would have trusted to do it. "Sir Peter has run two out of the three great theatres in this country. I am proud that he is joining us to tackle the final theatre in the triumvirate," he

Sir Peter, 65, said the Peter



Hall Company would perform one of the most challenging repertoires in the country. It is to stage five classics and five new plays throughout the first season, giving 10 performances a week, and opening every day of the week.

the week.

The director, who founded the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1960, has yet to recruit the 15 company members. He said that he had put ont feelers but had not yet "landed any leatened".

He aims to attract large audiences to his season, which opens on 4 March next year and ends on 6 December, by undercutting ticket prices in the West End — which Trevor Numn described yesterday as in a state of malaise. Regular theatre-goers will be offered a subscription

scheme with low prices. He will direct four out of five of the classics, while Dominic Dromgoole, former artistic director of the Bush Theatre in west London, will have artistic direction of the five new plays, aimed at attracting younger audiences. Details of the productions will be announced in

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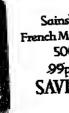
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Differing wavelengths: Greg Dyke (left) and Channel 5 chief executive Ian Ritchie show the scale of the retuning problem Montage: Jonathan Anstee

The estimated cost of retuning millions of video recorders and televisions to allow reception of the new Channel 5 television signal has risen by at least 25 per cent, sources at Channel 5 Broadcasting conceded yes-

The news emerged as Chan-nel 5 unveiled details of its plans to visit nearly 10 million homes in the UK starting this week, to retune equipment in advance of the launch of the country's fifth sion service, due to be on screen

The original retuning budget of £55m, to be borne by the channel's backers, Pearson and United News & Media, could soar to at least £70m, as Channel 5 confirmed yesterday it would send 7,000 engineers into the field to visit homes, backed up by 380 staff at a stateof-the-art call centre.

The higher hudget was deemed necessary following a pilot retuning project just completed in Surrey, which sug-gested that original plans had been inadequate. It will be met Cost of retuning operation is set to soar as TV company outlines plan for engineers to visit 10 million homes. Mathew Horsman reports

programming budget of £110m a year will not be affected. Channel 5, Ian Ritchie, the commercial mainstream channels to avoid interference yesterday, promising further sation campaign aimed at the consideration of a third tuners. It is also provided to all householders and in-store prome. The service is expected to be ampaign featuring 3,000 the sation campaign of the new service to backed by an extensive media campaign featuring 3,000 the sation time and on budget.

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That is absolutely crucial. posters and in-store promo-tions in Blockbuster Video outlets and at Thorn and Granada rental shops. Granada and Thorn have agreed to retune the equipment that they rent to pri-

vate homes in the UK. The Channel 5 signal uses the channel 37 frequency in key ar-eas of the country, which is used by many VCR manufacturers

for the playback signal.

Talks continue with cable operators, which could lead to special subcontracting deals permitting companies to rebeen inadequate. It will be met tune equipment in their own by the channel's owners, and the franchises. Retuning is the "cru-nies, which have most to lose forms and carry special

ment, serials and soaps, and will be 60 per cent original pro-gramming, its backers said yes-terday at a high-tech unveiling of the retuning plans.

The retuning exercise will be difficult and it will be very pub-

lic," Mr Ritchie said. "That is the problem with being a pioneer," he said, paraphrasing the film producer Sam Goldwyn. You end up with hundreds of arrows in your back."

will begin a door-by-door cam-paign, backed up by the pro-The retuning programme has already created controversy, motional campaign and an extensive and comprehensive following a report in the Indesecurity programme. All re-

utes each, and will allow viewers to tune into the new service once it goes "live" next year.

Channel 5 has reached an agreement with the Association of Chicfs of Police to yet all re-

identification cards. The visits

will take no longer than 25 min-

That is absolutely crucial."

The door-to-door nature of the retuning exercise has already led some police authorities to warn of the dangers of fraud and crime. Greg Dyke, chief executive of Pearson Television, one of the channel's main backers, famously called the retuning ex-creise a "burglar's charter" in 1991, when the franchise for the fifth channel was first (and un-

successfully) tendered. The licence was awarded last year, following a controversial auction that saw Richard Branson and Rupert Murdoch lose to the winning consortium.

Lazy car salesmen are giving customers a raw deal

GLENDA COOPER

As the rush for 'P' registration cars starts later this week, a study of dealers suggests many are "lazy, incompetent and even

law-breaking.
A survey for the Consumers Association magazine 117/ich? found that an alarming number of salespeople could not, or would not, answer basic questions about the models and the finance packages on offer. Many failed to provide written finance quotes when asked. which is a criminal offence. Only seven out of 64 dealers visited were able to answer all

the retailers questions cor-rectly and helpfully. Manufacturers, who have almost complete control over who sells their cars, failed to direct all customers who phoned a helpline to their nearest dealer. Peugeot got it wrong

half the time. Dissatisfaction with dealers is not new. In January 1996 more than 45,000 motorists phoned the Korean car giant Daewoo after an advertisement offered them a car free for the year if they had suffered at the hands

of other drivers.

Eight researchers for Which. visited dealers in the Midlands. the north-west and south-east of England, posing as new car buyers. In each area they went to the main dealer for the biggest makers - Ford, Vauxhall, Rover, Peugeot, Citroen and

Volkswagen. In more than a quarter of cases the researchers said they would not be happy to buy a car from the dealers they visited.

They found bored staff who fobbed off customers with leaflets. A researcher who went to one Rover dealer in Birmingham said: "One salesman went out for a cigarette. I felt we could be interrupting their quiet life".

Three of the five female researchers felt some salesmen were reluctant to deal with

dealers for a written quote, 18 refused, or gave incomplete information, and only five produced documents which were legally correct. Which? editor Helen Parker

said: "Clearly, you cannot rely on dealers as a source of information, let alone advice.

"The reason given by manufacturers for their exclusive dealer arrangement is that only their dealers can provide expert advice on their cars. But if manufacturers will not monitor those dealers properly, the exclusive arrangement must be

Nazi loot to be auctioned for Holocaust victims

Works of art seized by the Nazis from Austrian Jews dur-ing the Second World War will be sold this autumn to benefit Holocaust victims, it was announced yesterday.

The move follows the announcement at the weekend that the Government is to investigate allegations that mil-lions of pounds worth of gold plundered by the Nazis was divided up by the Allies after the

war. Christie's said that about 1,000 objects will be sold for an

estimated £2.3m. The money will go to both Jewish and non-Jewish victims of Hitler's gas chambers.

Pictures, carpets, tapestries. furniture, arms and armour. coins and books, have been stored for more than 40 years at a 14th century monastery at Maurbach, Austria.

They were originally part of a much larger collection which an government by the Americans after the war with the proviso that every effort should he made to locate the owners. Repeated attempts to trace

them or the families has resulted in more than 10,000 objects being returned. But last year the Austrian parliament transferred ownership of the untraced residue to the Federation of

Austrian Jewish Committees. It has now set up an in-ternational committee to oversee distribution of the funds from the forthcoming auction. Christie's will sell the property

in Vienna on October 28 and 29. Meanwhile, the Foreign Secretary. Malcolm Rifkind, has agreed to open an "immediate and full inquiry" into allegations that the Allies and the Swiss

government struck a deal in 1946 to divide up Nazi booty, including several hundred million dollars worth of gold probably stolen from Holocaust victims

dent analysis by Goldman Sachs, the Channel 3 companies

could lose as much as £30m in

revenues in the first year of

Channel 5, depending on how

day dismissed the criticisms of

their rivals, and insisted the ser-

vice will be launched on time.

Starting next week, retuners

Channel 5 executives yester-

successful the new service is.

and deposited in Swiss banks.
The Lahour MP Greville Janner asked the Government to search for information among the archives at the For-eign Office, the Treasury and the Defence Ministry after the puhlication of US documents showing that the Swiss government paid the Allies SFr.375m (worth \$90m at the time) in exchange for gold and other properties held by Germans in Switzerland.

case of lews, victims of the Holocaust, and others in occupied Europe who were robbed by the Nazis. The stolen gold was said in an Allied document to be worth at least \$298m (almost 52bn now). The inquiry should determine "how much

loot and what has happened to if . Mr Janner said. A spokeswoman for the Holocaust Education Trust said now there was evidence that

money Britain has had from this

The case is just one aspect of the long battle for justice in the ment to give them help. ment to give them help.

She said: "We don't know how this money was spent. It is slightly suspect perhaps, but we need to know more. We can't make assumptions. This whole process is about finding out the facts. We also want to know why the Government said they didn't know anything about it in the first place and why they've

changed their minds now.

The whole process is about morality. We've really only just started it in this country - that's British intelligence might have why we went to the Government

DAILY POEM

Early Minoan

by Lorand Gaspar

In the sleep of rocks the hand spells the names and rinthms for an incantation. And this voice drawn from opacity is so clear, so simple the throat it opens in what has weight, that the hand shivers on the hollowed-out slopes. Back to back with night, pauses again. such slight sound of waters running through fingers. follows a line as yet unknown in the world. where the touch breathes from point to point, where the stone wave unbuttons its body, unfastens at the belly the joy of fullness. and repeats the line already unknown to this world, in the heat of the same forgotten ravage

Lorand Gaspar is part of a new movement of metaphysical poetry in France. Surrealism dominated French poetry hefore the Second World War, existential or "committed" literature after it: metaphysic poetry, concerned with the being of things. seen and unseen, and the nature of poetic language is an unexpected fin de siècle development. Bloodaxe's bilingual New French Poetry, edited by David Kelley and Jean Khalfa, offers a fine introduction.

Teachers 'lacking English skills'

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent**

Teachers are being allowed into the classroom with poor skills in English and without any real vocation for the job, a teaching association leader said yester-

Peter Jenkins, president of the Professional Association of Teachers, told its annual con-ference in Cheltenham that too many people were allowed to drill into teaching because they could not get any other job. Many were not much better at spelling than their pupils, he

His comments follow an announcement by the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Shephard, that teacher training colleges could be subjected to a national curriculum which would make sure that they taught numeracy and literacy

Mr Jenkins told the associa-

for entering teaching, a grade C or above at GCSE, was too low. There was a fear that teacher shortages might lead to it being lowered, he added. "It seems to me wocfully in-

adequate to have such a low requirement in the language in which teachers are supposed to communicate," he said. Mr Jenkins went on to ex-press concern about the skills of

primary school teachers who, he said, were not trained to deliver the nine-subject national curriculum. Bigger primary schools should be able to appoint subject specialist teachers. he said, particularly in maths, science and design technology. In addition, he said, modern languages could be taught in primary schools if specialist

teachers were available. "it's really rather shameful that the reason it's not feasible

the teachers' groups, that the minimum English qualification primary sector is that the park primary sector is that the subject expertise to deliver it is simply not there." he said.

He applauded Mrs Shepard's announcement, saving that much of the teacher training on offer was "dubious" and that it had brought the concept of professional development into disrepute. Teacher training institutions found he inspectors to be inadequate should have

their funding cut, he said.

Never mind all the rhetoric about weeding out incompetent teachers. How about weeding out incompetent trainers?" he

Mr Jenkins criticised the gov. emment's Better English Cam-

paign, led by hroadcaster Trevor McDonald,

"We should be glad that the Government has recognised there is a problem in this area. But setting up a campaign un-der the guidance of a media per-

tion, the most right-wing of at the moment to introduce sonality isn't really the way to solve it. It would achieve more if students entering teacher training were required to have higher standards of competence than at present. A C-grade in English GCSE is laughably

inadequate. he said.
Above all, he added, teachers should really like children and young people.

"How sad it is to listen to the staffroom comments of some colleagues who clearly have no liking for children ... for whom teaching is just a job to be done, with varying degrees of competence for the pay cheque at the end of the month," be told delegates.

Cheryl Gillan, the Junior Education and Employment Minister, sald she was "generally sympathetic" Mr Jenkins. I am sure he and the Professional Association of Teachers will welcome what the Government is doing to address these very issues," she said.

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New drug hope for motor neurone disease

The first ever drug to treat mofor neurone disease (MND), the fatal degenerative disorder which claimed the lives of actor David Niven, journalist Jill Tweedie, and Don Revie, the former England football manager, is launched today.

Doctors say the drug, known as riluzole, appears to slow down the progress of the disease, and offers a first plimmer of hope" for sufferers that a cure may one day be found.

Until now, the only treatment on offer has been physiotherapy and other palliative care in the later stages of the disease. when the patient is almost completely paralysed, unable to speak or swallow. Ultimately, breathing is affected: more than half of patients die of respir-

atory failure within three or four

years of diagnosis.
Tricia Holmes, director of care development at the MND Association, said that one of the most distressing features of the disease was that patients remained mentally alert even in the most advanced stages. They really become prisoners of their own bodies," she said.

Riluzole, which is available on NHS prescription as Rilutek, does not halt or reverse MND but it can extend survival time. Why motor neurones - the large nerve cells which relay messages between the brain and muscles - start to die off in people with MND is not known, but one theory hlames the accumulation of glutamate, a neurotransmitter.

High levels of glutamate are believed to kill motor-neurones



riluzole may work by inhibiting its accumulation. A trial of more than 950 people with well-established MND showed that after 18 months of treat-

There are about 5,000 people with MND in Britain. Average age of onset is about 55.
Survival time is usually about three years from diagnosis, but one in five patients lives for five years or more and a very few - such as the physicist and mathematician Professor steelen Hawking - survive

Stephen Hawking - survive for more than 20 years. weakness, cramps, muscle twitches, fatigue, weight los and problems with speech, chewing and swallowing. The

dying was 35 per cent fewer than in those not taking the drug. Neurologists are hopeful that treatment is begun even earlier, at the time of diagnosis of by "over-exciting them," and ment, the number of patients MND, then its impact may be



even greater. Professor Douglas Mitchell, a consultant neurologist at the Royal Preston Hospital, said such patients had only been receiving the drug through a special "early access" arrange-

ment for a year, and it was too soon to assess the effects.

The severe disabling effect of the disease in its later stages has raised questions about the benefits of prolonging life, and about the cost of the drug which is around £3,000 per patient per year. Professor Mitchell said that some of his natients had turned down the opportunity of taking the drug on the grounds that they did not want their lives extended. Others have welcomed the chance to gain some extra time.

"For many people time equates to quality of life," Pro-fessor Mitchell said. "Often they have some target or goal in mind, such as a hirthday, or to see a son or daughter mar-ried. It is ultimately a decision for the patient to make, once fully informed by his or her doctor. It is not for able-hodied

people to judge what is quality of life for the disabled."

The cost involved was "a drop in the ocean," Professor Mitchell said, compared to drugs such as beta-interferon, which was launched last year as a treatment for some types of

multiple sclerosis.

There has been some opposition to riluzole from people who say that greater investment in physiotherapy, equipment and palliative care would have the same benefits, but this argumeot has been dismissed as illogical, given evidence of the beneficial effects of the drug.

There are several other new drugs for MND in the pipeline, including nerve growth factors, which help maintain healthy nerves. Another theory blames free radicals - highly toxic particles which occur in the body and the environment - for mo-

tor neurone damage. The cells are particularly vulnerable because they are very large and have just a single nucleus. Drugs which mediate this free radical damage are also a possibility. and ultimately a combination of therapies may provide the most effective means of treatment. Britisb scientists say that several different genes are involved in a susceptibility to multiple sclerosis (MS), another debilitating disease of the nervous system. The findings, published to Nature Genetics, have been hailed as a significant step forward in understanding MS. An interplay of genes with environmental factors, possibly viruses, may be the cause. Relatives of people with MS have a slightly increased risk of contracting the disease, though many geoetically susceptible individuals never develop it.

A pregnant pause as Titan fails to bloom

KATE WATSON-SMYTH

In a scene reminiscent of the maternity ward of a busy buspital, a crowd of toorists, botanists and journalists paced on and down with worried expressions. The largest flower on earth, graced with one of the most causeating smells on earth, was due to upen at Kew Gardens for the first time in 33 years yesterday.

But as the teosion mounted in the already sweltering heat of the Princess of Wales conservatory, the titan arum (Amorphophallus titanum) remained steadfastly shut.

Anxious onlookers pressed a harassed-looking botanist for information, only to turn away despondently when told "later, later". Outside, a televisioo journalist paced up and down like an expectant father, smoking a cigar and mopping his brow.

Those who are lucky enough to witness the happy event will need strong stomachs. The smell has been described as a mixture of rotting fish and burnt sugar. The locals in its native Sumatra called titan arum the corpse flower".

Smell or no smell, still the faithful waited. The excitement in 1926, when Kew's first specimen flowered for only the secood time (the first was in 1889) was so great that police had were called to cootrol the crowds. Each titan arum tuber has a lifespan of 20 years, but, even in the wild, will flower only once every three or four years.

Peter Boyce, one of two botanists working on the Swiss cheese plant family to which titan belongs, said: "The flower is so hig that it takes all the plant's energy to prodoce it. Once it has done so, it needs a few years'

rest before it can do it again. Sadly, by late afternoon, it was appareot that titan arum intended to keep her fans waiting jost a little hit longer. Many were determined to return today, when, Mr Boyce promised, their patience would be rewarded. "Well hopefully anyway."



Expectant: Tourists, botanists and journalists wait for the biggest flower on earth to bloom at Kew Gardens yesterday. The titan arum last opened in 1963

Photograph: Edward Sykes

Cricket action 'hollow and contrived'

Ian Botham and Allan Lamb's libel action against Imran Khan was both "contrived and hollow", George Carman QC told the High Court in London yesterday.

Making his closing speech for Imran, he said the two "distioguished" sportsmen seemed to hold grievances against the English cricketing authorities. Botham's was apparently that they treated him differently from Imran and Lamb's that he was fined when he broke his contract to speak out in the press about ball-tampering. He asked the jury to consid-

er whether they approached the case with "some kind of personal agenda". Submitting that their claims were unfounded, and that there was oo libel, he said the case was in some ways ... "hoth contrived and hollow".

They might claim to want vindication, damages and their names cleared - but the vindication was available two years ago. "You have to consider whether in morality or decency, Imran Khan should ever

have to pay them a penny."

Botham and Lamb are suing Imran over an "offensive per-sonal attack" in India Today magazine which they say called them racist, uneducated and lacking class and upbringing. Botham alone is suing over a May 1994 report in the Sun. which, he says, accused him of ball-tampering - something he says he has never done.

Imran, who denies libel, says his words were taken out of context and he was only trying to defend himself.

Mr Carman said the "melancholy" actions were ill-considered, ill-founded and based on the false propositions that every



Botham and his wifa, Kathy, and Allan and Lindsey Lamb arriving at the High Court for yesterday's heering

cheating, that no offer of an apology had been made and that Imran had been accurately quoted in India Today.

There had been overwhelming evidence that there were technical breaches which were breach of the laws of cricket was part and parcel of the game.

"The lid has come off, hasn't it? The lid bas finally come off the myth that every breach labels someone a cheat. It's quite obviously not so." The compelling effect of the evidence was that lifting the seam had gone on since 'time immemorial'.

The suggestion that no apology had been offered by Imran was profoundly incorrect and the jury had been directed to that effect by the judge. Imran's evidence that he had been misquoted in India Today was unchallenged.

On the question of damages. Mr Carman said the jury should be aware that the "going rate" for pain, suffering and loss of amenity of life in personal injury cases was, at most, £125,000 for someone left paralysed and wholly dependent for life.

Someone hlinded for life might receive £92,000, while the loss of an arm or leg would attract compensation of £50,000. He asked: "Do these figures give you any help as to the extremely modest, if not trivial sums you should award if you were against every single word I had to say?"

Dinner ladies awarded £1m over council's unfair pay cut GMB unions, who backed the women's cases, said it sent a

clear message to councils that

they could oot "ride rough-

shod" over previous agreements

when government policy forced

them into compulsory compet-

itive tendering. Any attempt to

reduce costs by targeting vul-

nerable workers would backfire,

The women's cases were tak-

en lo an industrial tribunal, but

Cleveland, which went out of ex-

union officials said.

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Local authorities were warned yesterday against driving down costs by cutting the wages of female employees while leaving men's pay intact.

Nearly 2,000 school dinner ladies employed by the old Cleveland County Council yesterday won more than £1m in lost wages and compensation after the authority admitted to sex discrimination.

Management had insisted on cutting the womeo's weekly pay by between £5 and £50 in an attempt to beat off private firms who tendered to provide the same service. Male workers in the department were not asked to make these sacrifices.

Leaders of the Unison and

istence through local government reorganisation earlier this year, admitted that its move constituted discrimination and

was in breach of contract. Now four unitary authorities which have taken over from the council, will have to pay a total of 1,958 women employed in school meals services across

Tees-side between £200 and £1,300 each. This includes back pay and compensation to the

women for mjury to feelings. Some former Cleveland dinner ladies, however, pointed out that they will end up losing cash. Although their hourly pay was being upgraded they were now working fewer hours. Pat Marron, one of the workers, said she was fill a week worse off and now had to take another job to compensate.

Stefan Ross, representing the unions, said the award represented a "shot across the bows" to other local authorities considering such a policy.

Eileeo Goodeoough, of the GMB, said it showed the cost to employers of ignoring workers' rights on compulsory competitive teodering.



IN THE SHORT TERM THE NEW COMPAQ DESKPRO'S PRICE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

Indonesia: The weekend riots have lit a fuse under a regime which holds together one of the world's most populous countries

Fear over dozens of 'missing' protesters

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Three days after the army broke up riots and pro-democracy demonstrations in Jakarta, at least 78 people are missing in what burnan rights workers fear may be a new round of politically-inspired "disappearances" by the Indonesian government.
As many as 10.000 people

took to the streets on Saturday after police raided the offices of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) where pro-democracy demonstrators had been con-ducting a sit-in. After throwing stones at police who who had sealed off the streets around the PDI, angry crowds rioted in a nearby business district, setting fire to cars, buses and buildings, including banks, car showrooms and a government ministry. Hundreds of people were arrested, many of them injured by police batons, but dis-crepancies between govern-ment figures and those gathered by human rights groups are raising fears that the government may be resorting to illegal means to dispose of its political opponents.

According to figures supplied by the police and army to the Indonesian Legal Aid Foun-dation (ILAF), 178 people have been charged with crimes committed during the riots, and 28 more remain in custody without charge, while 158 people are known to be receiving bospital treatment for injuries sustained during the disturbances.

A military spokesman yes-terday claimed that only two people had died, but at 9pm on Sunday three ambulance hearses were seen leaving a Jakarta hospital escorted by police and army vehicles. The PDI claims that as many as 54 people died, and by yesterday remained unaccounted for.

Today 78 families came to this office asking for help in finding their relatives who hadn't come bome," the operations secretary of the ILAF, Mr Munir, told the Independent. Some of them saw their family members being arrested, and they are very worried about them." The ILAF believes that 500 people disappeared in 1984 after a battle between Muslim trials throughout the year."

Tanjung Priok in Jakarta. "We are also very concerned that this is following a similar pattern," said Mr Munir.

The government-sponsored National Commission on Human Rights (NCHR) yesterday haunched an investigation into the disturbances. "They constituted clear violations of human rights, including the right to freedom from fear and property rights," said the vice-chairman of the NCHR Magnetic man of the NCHR, Marzuki Darusman. "These things happened because violence was used in trying to resolve matters by people with political objectives. It comes down to the skills ... of politicians and ministers in handling these things."

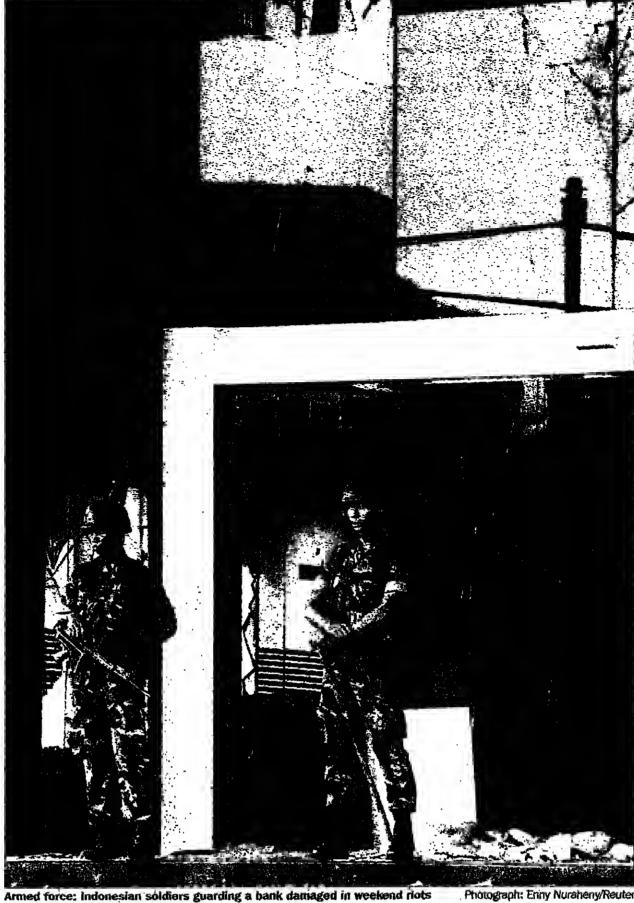
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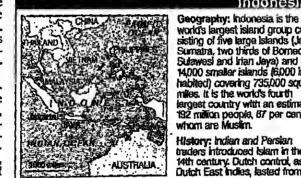
vesterday turned away from hospitals where some of the wounded are being treated. The Legal Aid Foundation believes that many of those in custody have been denied access to

The Indonesian government and armed forces have repeatedly been accused of perpetrating the "disappearances" of political opponents. In East Timor, a former Portuguese colony which was annexed by Indonesia in 1976, as many 200,000 people are believed by human rights organisations to have been killed or to bave died of starvation or disease after the invasion. In 1991, 270 people were killed and some 200 disappeared after troops fired on unarmed mourners at a funeral in the former East Timorese capital, Dili.

A statement on the weekend's events was issued by Amnesty International, "As on previous occasions when the security forces have moved to suppress public opposition, the raid was characterised by the "Amnesty International is gravely concerned for the safety of those individuals currentin detention".

In a statement to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonisation last week, Amnesty International criticised cited "reports of extrajudicial killings, 'disappearances', arbitrary arrests, torture, beatings and unfair political





world's largest island group con-sisting of five large Islands (Java, Sumatra, two thirds of Borneo, Sulfawesi and Irlan Jaya) and 14,000 smaller islands (6,000 inhabited) covering 735,000 square miles, it is the world's fourth largest country with an estimated 192 million people, 87 per cent of whom are Muslim.

History: Indian and Persian traders introduced Islam in the 14th century. Dutch control, as the Dutch East Indies, lasted from

the 18th century to Japanese conquest in 1942. After a brie war, independence was tranted in 1949, indonesia seized the former Dutch territory of East Timor in 1975 but this has never been recognised internationally.

Politics: From 1949 to 1967, Indonesia was dominated by the President Sukarno, who adopted a broadly anti-Western and pro-Manist foreign policy. He was replaced by former General Suharto in 1968, who switched to

imposed de facto one party rule. in part, by the government's ousting of Megaweti Sukamoputri - daughter of Sukamo - from the

leadership of the main opposition party, the Indonesian Democratic

Economy: Growing industrialisa-tion in recent years but oil and gas from Borneo and Surnatra still provide 60 per cent of the national Income The GDP in 1994 was \$190bn (Et26bn) or \$1,000

Thirty-year rule of unity threatened by turmoil

Jakarta — By geographical common sense, Indonesia should not be a country at all, let alone a stable, prosperous and unified one, writes Richard Lloyd Party. From Aceh in the far north west to the Torres Strait in the east is 5,000 miles. almost as far as from London to Baghdad. The archipelago has 14,000 islands, some mere equatorial rocks, others some of

the largest in the world.

There are more than 190 million Indonesians (only China, India and America have bigger populations) and they range from Jakarta yuppies to tribes-men in Irian Jaya whose national costume is a gourd worn on the penis. In some respects. Indonesia seems more like an unwieldy empire than a nation state. For years, it bas seemed almost invisible to European eyes. Now, however, its very survival in its present form has been violent riots in Jakarta have

left at least two people dead, many injured, and a dozen government huildings and businesses gutted by fires. There were no new disturbances yesterday, but the presence of ar-moured cars and troops on the streets of the capital may indicate that Indonesia's years of miraculous unity are at an end.

in Indonesia lies with one man. 75-year old President Suharto. In 1965, when be came to prominence, the country was an international basket case, racked by and-communist and anti-Chinese pogroms which killed as many as 400,000 people and were described by the CIA as "one of the worst mass murders of the 20th century". Two years later, he had placed the former President Sukarno under house arrest, and been declared president of the socalled "New Order". He now economically powerful country

Suharto is now an old man. His advancing years have coincided with escalating changes in Indonesian society and the surfacing of old and familiar conflicts. The country's burgeoning wealth is distributed unequally: a disproportionate number of rich Indonesians are ethnic Chinese, and the resentment which fuelled the pogroms of the Sixties has never fully subsided. But the most favoured fam-

ily of all is that of the President. but in May there were stifled gasps of indignation when his son Tommy was awarded the right to develop a national car. free of import and luxury taxes. Earlier this year a petro-chemical plant owned by another of the Suharto boys, Bambang, was exempted from a tax

"Insulting" the President is still punishable by imprison-ment, but a code word bas been developed for criticism of the Suharto dynasty. When you ask protesters on the streets of Jakarta what they dislike about



Order to Indonesia

the government, the second thing they say is "corruption". Their tirst complaint is also couched in oblique terms. Last weekend's riots were sparked when the headquarters of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) were raided by police. They had been occupied for more than a month by supporters of Megawati Sukarnoputri, the ousted leader of the PDL Ms Megawati's demands seem modest; she wants the government to recognise her as the legitimate leader of the PDI. and withdraw its support for a rules over the biggest and most rival elected in a rigged Congress last month. But ber resisnce is incendiary. First, she the daughter of the former president, Sukarno, Second. and as a partial consequence, she is the most popular and respected figure in the country.

Suharto has never yet been challenged, but his clumsy sacking of Megawati has given her fellow citizens new ideas. Indonesia's unity may begin to look less like a triumph over the odds and more like a 30-year-

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Olympic bombing: Republicans say they will relax opposition to tough new laws on arms

Atlanta shakes its fist at terror

PHIL DAVISON

Three days after a bomb threat-ened the Olympics, Atlanta plans to "take back the Games from the terrorists today by reopening Centennial Park, the site of the hlast lying in the

heart of the city.

For the first time since the bombing at 1.30am on Saturday, thousands are expected to return this morning for a menorial and prayer service for the bomb's victims, led by the Rev Andrew Young, a former mayor of Atlanta, former ambas-sador to the UN and a leading member of the Olympics or-

ganising committee.

was holding a summit on ter-rorism with the head of the FBI and the leaders in Congress of

and the leaders in Congress or both political parties. Angered by the Atlanta hombing and the likelihood that the TWA plane was shown up. Mr Clinton is pressing for tougher laws against terrorism.

These may include tapping the phones of suspects, greater military assistance to law-enforcement agencies and obliging explosives manufacturers to give their products identifiable chemical markings, which would make it easier to trace the bombers.

The Republican speaker of the House. Newt Gingrich, has indicated that his party might drop its opposition to Mr Clin-As the Games continued yesterday, President Bill Clinton ton's suggestions, which were

first made after last year's Oklahoma City bombing. Gun rights advocates and civil libernies groups then attacked the ideas as a threat to the rights of individuals.

Adding to the urgency of the White House summit was the question of security at the impending party conventions next month in San Diego and Chicago, in the run-up to the No-vember presidential elections.

Today's reopening of Cen-tennial Park, which is a paved, open-air, cultural, leisure and exhibition centre, is expected to be a symbolic moment for the residents of Atlanta. The park, huilt for the

Olympics in a deserted, rundown area, was the focal point for the Games' non-sporting

activity, with free nightly con-certs that ran into the small hours. It is paved with "sponsored" bricks, hearing the names of the people around the world who paid for them.

Boh Brennan, spokesman for the Atlanta organisers of the Games, urged the public to dely terrorism, including threats from "copycats out there who re finding great fun in disrupting the Games as much as they can", by flocking to the re-opening. "We are determined to defy cowardice," he said, adding that he could not confirm reports that some Olympics teams

were leaving Atlanta early because of the bombing. Mr Brennan said the bombing had taught valuable lessons

the cities which are bidding for the 2,004 event. There has been speculation here that some of these cities may drop their bids after seeing the psychological damage done to Atlanta.

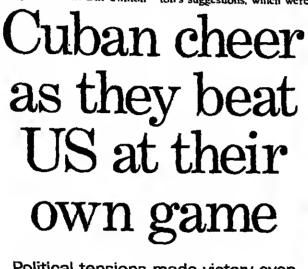
Today's memorial service and the reopening of the park promises to be among the most emotional events here since the civil rights sermons of Martin Luther King. To many resi-dents, the re-opening of their beloved "park" is being billed us more significant than last week's opening of the Games.

Atlantans have compared the scars of the bombing and their recovery to the way the city recorder, police said.

the Olympic Games and to the special observer delegations from Sydney, which will host the Games in the year 2,000, and service will be 44-year-old icc The focus of the memorial service will be 44-year-old icc cream parlour owner Alice Hawthorne, the only person who was killed by the pipe bomb. A Turkish TV camera-man also died from a beart attack while rushing to the scene and more than 100 people were

wounded, a dozen seriously. Mrs Hawthorne's widower, John, has criticised Olympics of-ficials for minimising the loss of his wife. "No-one bothered to even call me up to give their condolences, he said. While he was out making funeral arrangements on Sunday, bur-glars broke into his home and stole his television set and video

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Political tensions made victory even sweeter. Guy Hodgson reports

Atlanta - It is hard to remember that they were once friends. That they traded pleasure and goodwill along with eigars and sugar. Forty years of hate, of glowering at each other across 90 miles of water, have wiped the smiles away.

The Cubans do not dislike the United States, the word is too shallow for antipathy that is nurtured in the cradie. Their very being seems to be aimed at putting one over on the not-sohenign Uncle Sam. You know the joy when they defeat the Americans at their own game. In their own backyard.

No matter that the baseball match at Atlanta, Fulion, County Stadium, was, in the context of the Olympic Games, meaningless. Both teams had al- fection as you can get ready qualified for the medal round, but it meant something in Havana, which has bad to suffer nightly blackouts to conserv energy slocks denied by the US blockade of goods.

"I expect there to be a great party in Havana tonight," Jorge Fuentes, the Cuban coach, said after his leam's 10-8 victory. Did the political tensions add to the sweetness of the victory? "Absolutely," be replied.

Not that the result was exactly unexpected. It might seem daft to say it, but the United States is not that good at haseball. Sure, the major league players would be about as stoppable and pliable as a train, but at Olympic level, as one American reporter said: "We suck."

The problem, as it usually is in the land of the free, comes

ef of injured

create a "dream team" of sluggers and pitchers would mean taking them from the National and American Leagues, and in a sport where a \$1m contract is considered very small Budweiser, the clubs would not let it happen. Unless haseball becomes part of the winter Olympics and does not clash with the American season, the

pros simply cannot make it. So it is Cuba, not the US. which struts at amateur level. Fidel Castro (once a pretty good baseball pitcher himself) has not let his athletes play professionally for 30 years, and with players good enough to make it in the majors, their record since 1987 is frightening. Played 94, won 93, is about as close to per-

As a consequence, in the home of the Braves, Atlanta's professional team, the Ameriback their main pitchers so that Cubans will not have worked them out, should they meet in Friday's final. The stadium, just a few empty seats short of its 52,000 capacity, bayed: "US, US", but the bravado was in the stands, not in the bome coaches' minds, who were inlent on damage limitation against the side known as Equipo de Sueno in Cuba. You guessed it, the translation is

pitcher thrown into this particular nightmare. He is an erratic thrower who could be likened to the England fast bowler, Devon Malcolm, sometimes on the plate, at other times search-

Billy Kock was the American

Dream Team.



ing for the table. On this occasion, be was spot on, and was dispatched for two home runs Luis Ulacia and Omar Linares - a batter so good that the New York Yankees offered him \$1.5m to defect last year. The American were 4-0

down after an innings. "Watch it," one American journalist warned. "The Cuhan pitcher will throw the first pitch at the first batter. They do it every game." Sure enough, be did, Omar Luis drilling into Jason Williams. Later, he did it again.

Intimidating. Making a point. At 10-2 up, the Cubans could af-ford to relax and, although the Americans caught up later, a

psychological blow bad landed. The lasting effects could be scen in the final. They have this great confidence to the point of arrogance," Skip Bertman, the American coach, said of the Cubans, "They didn't jump up and down at the end. They expect to win every single ball game." Make the game politics and the Cubans would say that about the Americans.

Portillo's Nato plan falls on deaf ears in Romania

Central Europe Correspondent

Romania yesterday insisted it ought to be among the first former Eastern bloc countries to join Nato, and rejected assurances from the Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, that a phased enlargement of the alliance would not harm the country's imerests. Speaking after talks with Mr

Portillo in Bucharest, Romania's

Defence Minister, Gheorghe Tinca, said the idea of expanding Nato in waves was flawed and that his country feared the first wave of enlargement would

turn out to be the last. "If the idea of a wave is accepted, then I am convinced there will be just one," Mr Tinca told the daily Adevarul. Mr Portillo, on the first leg of a regional tour, said Nato would not slam the doors on further members once the first new

Nato member states are expected to announce early next year that Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and possibly Slovenia, will be invited to join

the alliance, perhaps by 1999. Despite reforms of its armed forces. Western officials say Romania has not progressed far enough in the overall reform process to qualify for early membership and that, together with Slovakia, Bulgaria,

entrants were safely on board. Albania and the Baltic states, it will have to wait for a second, or a third, wave of expansion. Bucharest fears exclusion from the alliance could pull the country into a "grey zone", in which it could once again fall

under the sway of Moscow. Romania is particularly annoyed at the prospect of Hungary joining Nato first, arguing that once it is in, Budapest may exercise a veto over Romania's membership.

In an attempt to styrue Hun-gary's application, the Romanian authorities have warned that any "discrimination" in Hungary's favour would lead to a climate of "competition, mistrust and instability" in the region and could even spark an

Hungary denies that it would try to block Romania's entry into Nato. It argues that as Romania has a large Hungarian minority, it would be

in Hungary's interests for Bonn - News reports say Germany and other Nato nations are planning for the alfiance to extend the presence of peace-keeping forces in Bosnia past the end of the year, to prevent the renewal of conflict in

the region, AP reports. The plans do not discount placing German fighting troops in the region, the Welt nm Sonntag newspaper said.

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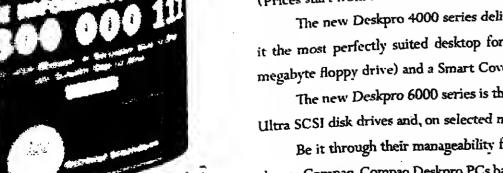
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Ban on the bomb: World relief as Peking pledges to honour moratorium, but hurdles remain before a treaty can be signed

China's last explosion ends nuclear tests

TERESA POOLE

With one final Chinese blast, global nuclear testing in theory came to an end yesterday morning. But only hours after Peking "hereby solemnly declared" that it would now observe a moratorium on tests, talks on a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) reconvened in Geneva with negotiators still struggling to devise a text for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) which India and

China would accept. Time is now running out if the CTBT is to be ready for signing at the UN General Assembly in New York in September,

as had been scheduled. At the a compromise on this sticking imal by modern standards. The moment India is posing the biggest problem, by insisting that the CTBT must promote disarmament as well as curtailing tests. India wants the treaty to include a pledge by the nuexisting nuclear weapons. If India refuses to sign, as is widely expected, the treaty will not be legally binding. Meanwhile China, backed

by India, is objecting to proposed measures to monitor and verify the global test han, saying that such on-site inspections may be used by the West for intelligence-gathering.

The United States and Russia believe Peking will agree to point, and the Chinese foreign minister, Qian Qichen, last week said he hoped the treaty would be signed in September.

In June China dropped its initial insistence that "peaceful" clear powers to dismantle their nuclear explosions ought to be made be exempt from the test ban, although it still wants the issue reassessed after 10 years. China's underground nuclear

explosion yesterday morning, at its Lop Nor site in western Xinjiang province, was its 45th since Peking started tests in 1964. The test was very small estimated to be the equivalent of about 5,000 tons of TNT, a quarter to a third of the size of the Hiroshima bomb and min-

small size of the test suggests it may have been conducted to calibrate instruments for subsequent computer simulation of nuclear explosions, or to test a particular component of a

ger mechanism By halting its programme now, China has ensured that it will sit level with Britain in the league table of nuclear tests.

Peking's reply to worldwide criticism for being the last coun-

nuclear device, such as a trig-

try to observe the moratorium has always been that it has conducted fewer tests than the other hig ouclear powers.

According to Greenpeace,

reads: the United States, 1,030; the former Soviet Union, 715; France, 210; the UK, 45; China, 45; and India, probably 1.

The Australian Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, said: "The ending of Chinese nuclear testing means that no nuclear weapons state is any longer conducting nuclear tests. This test we had today we hope will be the last nuclear test that will

China's decision to hold its last test before the Geneva talks resumed suggests that Peking was anxious to minimise a potentially hostile global reaction. Peking had already announced in June that it would be conducting one more test,

ever take place."

which analysts warned could be disruptive if it took place during the CTBT negotiations.

Yesterday, after years of being on the defensive about its continuing tests, Peking was seeking the moral high ground.

"Such an important decision by China is not only a response to the appeal of the vast number of non-nuclear weapon states, but also a concrete action to promote nuclear disarmament," a government statement said.

China is believed to have the smallest nuclear arsenal of the five nuclear powers. The government statement called on nuclear powers "drastically to reduce" nuclear stockniles.

China's Asian neighbours, however, yesterday criticised Peking for conducting one last test, although they welcomed the new moratorium.

Anti-nuclear groups, independent analysts and diplomats in the West saw the test as a boost to their hopes for a comprehensive and permanent nuclear test han

The main thing is the Chinese have now announced a moratorium", the Foreign Office said last night. "We share the international community's wish that yesterday's test should be the last ever."

It said it hoped the moratorium would encourage all states to conclude the CTBT on the

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The French Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, sets off on a two-day official visit to Algeria tomorrow, the first

ministerial visit for three years and a tangible sign of improving relacions between France and its former colony.

Since President Chirac took office, relations bave been complicated by the political situation in Algeria, the terrorist attacks in France last year instigated by Algerian Islamic fundamentalists, and recriminations over the Algerian presidential election last November, in which Algeria acquired France of interference, and France questioned the

accused France of interference, and France questioned the democratic credentials of the favoured candidate and victor,

apparently broken up, and Mr Zeroual in power, the most pressing issue now is the resumption of direct flights between

The President of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenka, has attacked his increasingly united opponents, pledging to

ban rallies during the harvest, and to remain in office for

General Lukashenka, who has advocated a go-slow

approach to market reforms and cracked down on dissent,

told a televised meeting he would tolerate no attempt to remove him from office. "Everyone must work instead of

organising campaigns to remove the President," be said.

The general, who was elected two years ago, has tried to bring his country of 10 million people into a

union with neighbouring Russia and signed a treaty with Russia last April pledging a "community" between the two states. Reuter - Minsk

Unknown assailants opened fire on a car carrying the Chechen rebel chief-of-staff Aslan Maskhadov in what

region. One of his bodyguards was wounded. It was not clear from the report if the attack was carried out by Russian troops, pro-Moscow Chechens or by dissident units among the rebels themselves. Rauter - Moscow

The Australian roadworker serving a life sentence for

conviction, his solicitor said. Ivan Milat, who was convicted and sentenced on Saturday, has always proclaimed his

murdering seven backpackers will appeal against his

innocence. Milat's victims included five hackpackers

from Britain and Germany, who were murdered in the

was clearly an attempt to kill him, Interfax news agency said. The agency, quoting rebel sources, said that Mr
Maskhadov escaped unburt from the attack, which occurred
outside a village in the south-east of the breakaway Russian

Liamine Zeroual. With the terrorist cells in France

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two more terms.

hasis of the text proposed by Jaap Rameker, the Dutch amhassador to the Conference on

Disarmament in Geneva. According to Suzanne van Moyland, of the London-based Verification Technology Control Institute (Vertic), the test was a "boost" to hopes that it would be the last and also an exercise of "leverage" by China in the fi-nal stages of the CTBT negoti-

ations, which stalled in June. Rebecca Johnson, of the Disarmament Intelligence Review. said; "China's timing is clearly aimed nt giving a boost to early conclusion of the Treaty, as China realised that it would be very difficult to test once the Treaty was agreed".

Perils of payment in kind on the Valdai road

HELEN WOMACK

On the road to Valdai, the beautiful lake district between Moscow and S1 Petersburg, ghostly figures from out of the twilight, holding up crystal goblets, as if in some strange piece of theatre. They are workers from the Krasnoe Mai (Red May) glass factory who, for the past 13 months, have received their wages not in cash but in kind, and are obliged to stand on the roadside hawking their product hefore they can eat.

Cars zoom by, ignoring them. When I stopped my car, dozens of the crystal-sellers ran up. When I asked for an interview, they backed off. But when they realised I was British, they re-laxed a little. "Come on guys." said Svetlana, a middle-aged woman. "The Valdai police are hardly going to read a London

Svetlana explained how she and her friends worked only every other week at the 130-year old factory because its financial difficulties were such that electricity was rationed. In theory, they should receive wages of one million roubles (£150) per month. But instead they were paid in the cut-glass vases and wine glasses which they sold in the rest of their working time and in their leisure hours. The trade itself was legal, but the traffic police moved them on and fined them, saying they caused road accidents.

"In fact we have not caused a single accident," said Svetlana. We just stand at the side waiting for the motorists to stop ... Sometimes tourists pull up and buy a vase for 100,000 roubles. But we can stand here from morning to night and go home

without making a sale." All over Russia, workers are their factories happen to pro-

duce are in demand or not. The workers of the Yaroslavl tyre plaot are paid in tyres and have no problem as there is a lively market in car parts. Likewise Siberian workers paid in tampons always find willing buyers. But crystal is another matter. As Svetlana said: "You can live without it, can't you?"

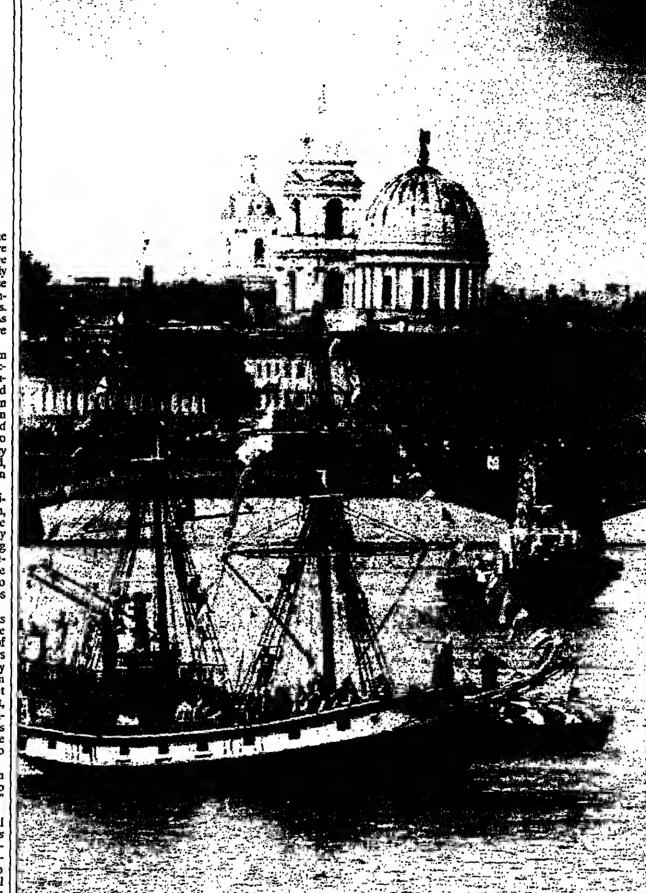
Svetlana is married to a man who also works at the glass factory. There are few other employment opportunities, and they have two teenage children to feed. "Can your readers in the West imagine what it would be like if they had not only to work but market whatever they made? In your case," she joked, you'd be selling newspapers on

In the run-up to the presi-dential elections last month, Boris Yeltsin promised he would make it a priority to pay workers who have been waiting months for their wages. Indeed, a special fund was made available to make payments to key factories and buy the votes of their workers.

But, after the election, it is clear the problem has not gone away. In the far eastern port of Vladivostok last week, miners threatened to commit suicide by throwing themselves down mineshafts if the government did not pay them. In the far east, corrupt local government officials are as much to hlame as Moscow bureaucrats for the failure to deliver state money to those who have earned it.

Svetlana voted for Mr Yeltsin and, reluctantly, would do so again. "There's no alternative," Along with the crystal

traders, the road to Valdai is lined with people selling hilberries, once picked as a bobby, now gathered by many to make ends meet. In the petrol being paid in kind and their standard of living very much depends on whether the goods stations, children of nine and ten work the petrol pumps for fips. In some families, these youngsters are the main breadwinners.



Belangio State Forest, 60 miles south-west of Sydney. between 1989 and 1992. Reuter - Sydney

Eighteen militant leftist prisoners were critically ill in Turkish hospitals following a two-month hunger strike that ended at the weekeod, human rights workers said. Eleven hunger strikers died before the protest was called off on Saturday after the new Islamist-led government accepted some of the immates' demands for better prison conditions. A twelftb protester died after the agreement was sealed. Reuter - Ankara

A77-year-old Italian doctor, who lost his way on a mountain hike, was saved by the trail of sardine cans and sweet wrappers that he left for rescuers once he realised he was lost. Rescue workers, using the improvised trail, traced Giuseppe Guido Ippolito, a doctor from Rome oo holiday in the Italian Alps. to an abandooed bay loft where he had taken shelter for the night. Dr Ippolito, in an interview with Il Messaggero newspaper. said he was usually critical of Italy's state services, but said the Alpine rescuers were "one of the few things ... that work in Italy". Reuter - Rome.

Hutus' rage grows against Burundi's new Tutsi ruler

Far from heralding a new era of peace, last week's military coup looks likely to worsen the bloodshed, writes David Orr

Voyage to the past: A replica of 'Peter's boat', the Russian navy's first ship, sailing along the River Neva, with St Petersburg's palaces providing a backdrop to the city's celebrations of the fleet's 300th anniversary

Bujumbura — In Burundi's capital they are celebrating the military coup last week. This is a Tutsi town, having been almost entirely "cleansed" of Hutus by

the army last year. Outside the city, however, a very different picture is emerging of life under the new President, Pierre Buyoya. It is ool so much that things are better or worse in the war-torn central African country. It is more a question of business as usual - attacks by rebels among the Hutu majority against Tutsis and reprisals against Hutus by the Tutsi-led army.

There have been reports of more than 100 people killed near Gitega in central Burundi at the weekend, after troops

moved in to quell unrest. Most of the dead are said to have been Hutus.

At about the same time last Thursday that the Defence Minister was telling the nation that the army was installing a new president to bring peace, a young man was being stabbed to death in the outskirts of the capital. As the military coup was unfolding in Bujumbura, soldiers from the Tutsi minority were creating havor in a com-munity of Hutus just below the

hills which dominate the city. A grenade had been thrown earlier in the day, killing a Tutsi trader who was bringing beer to the market. The response was hrutal. Soldiers moved through the Muyaga neighbourhood, shooting the Hutu inhabitants. According to reports, up to 20 Hutu civilians were murdered.

"I was trying to get back to my home but the army had cut off my usual route so I took a detour through an area I nor-mally wouldn't go 10°, said a Hutu school teacher. "Our vehicle was stopped by

troops. I looked out of the window and saw a youth being held down on the ground by his arms and legs. Young men from a Tutsi milioa group were hacking at him with knives. Soldiers were standing by, looking on. I to go and drove away.
Yesterday I visited the com-

munity, where about 4,500 Hutus live in squalor at a camp known as the Johnsoo Centre. In recent days I have been turned hack by the army as I have tried to visit areas where repressive army operations against Hutus have been re-

ported by aid agencies. As I moved through the market stalls, groups of Hutus stood about, looking tense. I had been sold by a Hutu contact that the graves of the victims could be found a short distance away towards the Buhonga hills. But looked away and pretended I'd as I and my guide proceeded up

seen nothing. We were allowed a path to the hills, we were surrounded by six heavily-armed soldiers who started berating the guide for having led me there. Then we were turned around and escorted back towards a

> "You must not go up there". the commander said, "It is too dangerous for you. You could be attacked by rebels. You may look around the market, but go

military post.

Having left the soldiers, we found a group of Hutu men sit-ting in the shade of a tree. Soon a large crowd of people had assembled. They confirmed reports of military operations the start of the army's drive to against Hutus in the nearby hills.

"I fled here for safety yes-terday", said Berthe Baram-panirana, a middle-aged woman with closely-cropped hair. "The troops came onto our colline [hill], which is called Nyamhuye. They arrived early in the morning and started shooting. Nearly everyone on the colline ran away. I've heard there were many people shot. This happens

The woman said her husband and one of her children had been killed by soldiers when the army staged a failed coup in 1993. Like many Hutus, she saw the events of three years ago as

establish Tutsi dominance.

all the time".

improve their lives, they said. They were Hutus and the Tut-sis were dedicated to killing the majority of the population. They want to wipe us out so they can win when there are elections", one angry man said.
"The new leaders might talk

When asked about the coup

which last week returned former

President Pierre Buyoya to

power, the group laughed hit-

terly. The new regime would not

peace but nothing has changed. The army is in charge and will continue to make our lives a

Our guide warned of an increasingly violent Hutu rebel response to the new regime. He

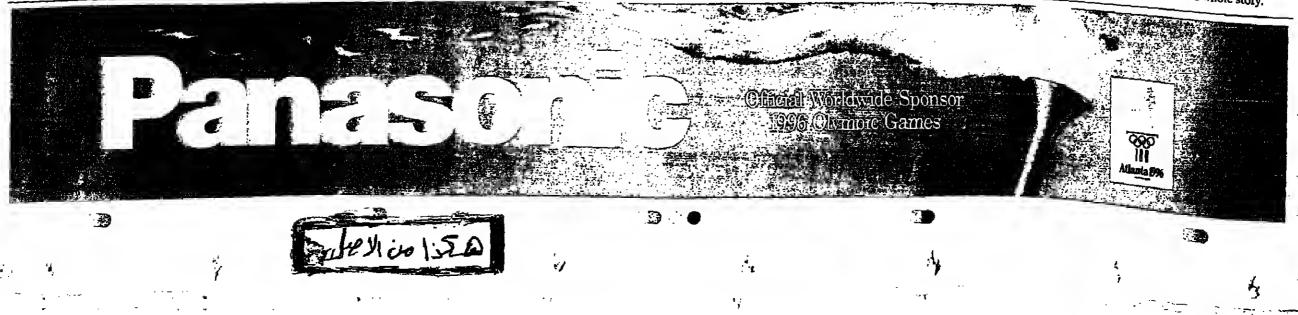
said the Hutus bad been radicalised since the coup and that opposition to Mr Buyoya would

harden in the coming mooths. There are many young meo who have left this area to join the rebeis", said the young professional, whose wife last year

fled to oeighbouriog Zaire.

Tknow of almost 40 students who have recently left for the bush. They are training in the hills around bere. It's under-staodable that people feel angry when the army seizes power like this".

The military is keen to publicise attacks on Tutsi settlements, but keeps quiet about its brutal operations in the Hutudominated countryside. Under such conditions, it is hard to uncover the whole story.



ANT SHORTS

Prostitution – a tricky street for the law to walk

the chief constable of West Yorkshire is right to be speaking out. The way the police are organised in England is. administratively speaking, a mess: they are neither an integral part of elected local government nor are they a direct responsibility of the Home Office. Yet as loog as we have a system in which chief constables are allowed to respond to varying circumstances of their force areas, we oeed them to engage with issues on the basis of their particular experieoce. That is why Keith Hellawell is worth listening to.

The West Yorkshire force polices the cities of Leeds and Bradford, where prostitutioo is a big business. Mr Hellawell's call for legalisation of group prostitution carries the weight of experience. But is his remedy right for, say, a more rural area? Would the chief constable of Devon and Cornwall agree? The chief constable of Lancashire, Pauline Clare, does agree. We need such debate informed by local experience - such as that of Edinhurgh and the Lothian police who, tacitly, have instituted a regime of licensing sauoas and massage parlours, knowing they are used for prostitutioo. Circumstances and local opinion differ. Ultimately prostitution may be something best regulated locally, a matter for by-laws rather than the law.

The legalisation of brothels was he chief constable of West Yorkshire stight to be speaking out. The results a produce of drugs, regularly generates more heat than light, and produces severe cases of historical amnesia severe cases of historical amnesia. among those determined to weigh present-day habits in the scales and find them wanting. It is the kind of issue journalists need only wave within barrumpbing distance of the Tory hackbenches in order to elicit a clear, vigorous and completely irrelevant response. Sir Ivan Lawrence, chairman of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee - well, bis name only has to be mentioned and readers can guess the rest: moral fahric ... wrack and ruin ... holdiog the line.

Prostitution poses problems, however, for prelapsarians, especially those who hold up Victorian society as a model of order and disciplioe. Historians estimate there was then a lot of it about, and not just in garrisoo towns. In the last century too, child prostitutes gathered in central London.

The fact of prostitution, which has existed in most urhan societies, tells us little about the moral health of the nation. But it does pose local questions suitable not for moralising rhetoric but for the practical world of urban administration. There are three priorities here. One is to minimise the public nuisance that prostitution can become if it is concentrated in particular areas. Another is to minimise the elements of exploitation and criminality that cause offence to women who happen



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inevitably accompany the selling of sex. And so, the third is to establish an enforceable legal regime.

At present a prostitute working the streets is breaking the law. However, because most police forces - rightly do not see the sex act as inherently criminal, not a lot is done by way of enforcement. She (we make the gender specific because that is how things are in most cities) teods to gravitate towards certain sections of the city and may, with her clients, start to cause a nuisance - sex leaves a litter, kerhcrawlers are a traffic hazard and may

to live in the area. In Birmingham and Nottingham communities have felt tbemselves under assault.

If a prostitute works from a house or flat or other premises, the act becomes legal. But when she joins with others to work in the comparative safety of a brothel, that's illegal. Keith Hellawell says this logic is cock-eyed: he argues that prostitution is hest regulated indoors, in hrothels. He has both history and receot Scottish experience on his side. Closed or semi-open "houses" are an old element in urban life and if they worked in Elizabethan London and Jacobean Edinburgh, there is every

reason they ought to work oowadays. What Edinburgh District Council has done is in effect to establish such semiopen houses. We need more experience of them but we can, temporarily, cooclude that the law's existing ambiguity allows a reasonable local solution to an age-old problem.
Many police forces have, in practice,

gone far to decriminalise prostitutioo. But there are limits to this kind of turning a blind eye. Not all chief constables are cool rationalists: it is oot that long since Manchester was policed by the zealous moralist, James Anderton. Some degree of coosistency is oeeded, which is why – ooce there is a reliable body of practical experience such as Edinburgh's – this is a matter to be turned over to the Law Commission for speedy review. There is enough evidence from opinion polls that the public takes a healthily pragmatic view of the halance of interests here and would favour Mr Hellawell's approach. Some people will dislike Mr Hellawell's assumption that the demand for female prostitutes will continue at or above present levels. It may indeed be a sad commentary oo the maladjustment of gender relations in general. But it is a

valid assumption all the same. The question is not wbether we "approve" of prostitution or not. It is rather whether the ambiguous and confusing legal regime surrounding that disliked activity can be ratio-

nalised without appearing to condone or promote it. The law, at least in our kind of society, is not synooymous with morality - which very phrase begs the question whether there is a single, majoritarian attitude on anything. What the law has to do is penalise conduct which harms other people in obvi-ous ways. To go much further is to run the risk of another kind of harm, which is as historically widespread as prostitutioo itself - oppression by an overmighty state.

The litter's the thing

Trevor Nunn's outburst on the physical condition of the West End was well timed. His scathing remarks about litter on Shaftesbury Aveoue coincide with the latest issue of the National Institute Economic Review. Not an obvious joint billing, you might say. But the Review is asking whether the Government's much-vaunted insistence on contracting out health and local authority services has actually saved anyone any money. Its answer is pretty much no. Meanwhile Westminster - Soho's local authority - has been one of the most passiooate advocates of contracting-out. The result? Mr Nunn looks down and speaks out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cutting legal fees will mean less justice

Sir: It is impossible not to sympathise with Michael Bolger, but I dispute the conclusions invited by Patricia Wynn Davies article (26 July).
As a former solicitor, and now a

practisiog harrister, I have had a wide experience of lay clients. Ooe client would not accept the view of any expert, however able, unless it exactly coincided with her ideas of what was the cause of her husband's death. Another would not accept that his colostomy could

not be blamed upon the solicitor and estate ageot who had negligently handled his house sale. These, and many others, would all tell you, mistakenly, that the legal system for claiming compensation had let them down.

There are a vast number of people like this and most of them will be persuaded by tr surrounding Lord Woolf's initiative that, by waviog a magic wand, the noble Lord will give them exactly what they want, when they want it. In other words, that a plaiotiff will oo longer have to go through the tedious process of proving his claim when the defendaot disputes it, but that suddeoly his path will be smoothed and in a brace of sbakes. judgmeot will be giveo for him. They are in for a great disappointment.

Many cases take so loog partly hecause the defendants do oot always agree that they bave beeo negligent and so on; partly hecause those who insure or employ defeodants seek to avoid paymeoi of damages; and partly because all those involved, one way or another, in the litigation process - doctors, lawyers, surveyors, actuaries, as well as lay witnesses - all have lives to lead and do not, or canoot, regard Plaintiff A as the only star in their firmameol. And partly because (in legal aid cases) fees are low and the lawyer wbo bas to make a liviog cannot give all his attention to one case. Cutting fees still further will mean less justice and a longer time to achieve it. STANLEY BEST Pinner

Market forces of prostitution

Middlesex

Sir: The proposal for the tolerance and licensing of brothels made by Keith Hellawell, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire ("Police chief says legalise brothels", 29 July) is wise, pragmatic and one which sbould achieve improved public health and safety for both clients and customers in the context of brothels. It should be supported. He is also correct in his contention that the law operates in a fog of differential discretion and double standards.

However, what is less certain is his assumption that licensed brothels will "get prostitutes off the streets". Brothels, albeit illegal, prescotly coexist with street prostitution and legalisation may not chaoge the situation. The licensing of brothels, with perhaps a levy of taxation, will increase marginal costs, and the advantage of the street trade is that it is relatively cheap. Much is casual and driveo by the economic circumstance of the prostitutes. Few pimps have the



eotrepreceurial skills to establish brothels. They are likely to continue to operate below the legal margin. Above all, the street trade offers the significant advantage to clients of greater aconymity. Brothels and street prostitutioo serve different

It might he argued that the existence of legalised brothels will give the authorities power to force prostitutes off the streets - but existing legislation has failed to achieve that, despite beavy sanctions in some areas. ALAN MARLOW Department of Professional Social Studies University of Luton

Vigorous role for Clare Short

Sir: The debate over Clare Short's appointment to the shadow overseas development portfolio (report, 26 July) overlooks the importance of the portfolio to both economic and social progress in the world and to Britain's standing in the international community.

Some may say that it is a backwater position and a "low key role". But that is at odds with the reality of the position. Overseas development is about issues such as the suffering of large scale refugee movements, the tragedy of the international drug trade, and the challenge presented by environmental deterioration in the world. If this is a "political cul de sac" it says more about the parochialism of Westminster politics than the issue itself. Indeed, the news of domestic shadow cabinet appointments has itself been overshadowed by the

human suffering and turmoil that is

occurring in Burundi. Ms Short, like her opposite number, Baroness Chalker, on the government henches, combines strong principles with pragmatism. A political duel between the two of them brings the prospect of restoring the vigour and visioo to overseas developme ot that the subject deserves.

DOMINIC BYRNE Head of International Media

Action aid London N19 Local democracy on the cheap

Sir: I was fascinated to learn from your feature of 23 July that the Labour-controlled Oxford City Council favours an elected mayor, as the matter has oever been

discussed. In order to be effective, an elected political executive would have to work within a council that was both unitory and had a geoeral power of competence. Rightly, no one will take on this level of responsibility if their decisions can be overturned by anonymous interference from

outside the authority. It also needs noting that the Lord Mayor of a city like Oxford holds a ceremonial rather than a political post. Not only do I believe that there would be strong objections to changing this, but the amount of time involved in both political leadership and ceremonial duties is such that the two posts could not be combined. Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime sclephone number. (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Finally it has to be said that the public generally get their local democracy on the cheap. In Oxford I would bazard the guess that it costs councillors real mooey, sometimes thousands in lost earnings, to be councillors. The days when councillors willingly do this, I suspect, are numbered. No one will become a full-time elected executive without a deceot salary, and you cannot pay them whilst leaving the rest of the councillors to subsidise their public duties. CIL STAN TAYLOR Leader Oxford City Council

Fighters for Franco

Sir: Paul Vallely's essay oo the Spanish Civil War and the International Brigade (22 July) dug up the same old figures of socialist Britons going to help their comrades in Spain. The poor versus the rest, not nearly as complex as Bosnia today. Yes it was. The poor socialists were also the Communist atheists and many Christians supported Franco against them. My father was around at the time and I remember asking him once

whether be had known anyone who had gone to fight in Spain. "Yes", he said. "Two." "Gosh, "I thought, "my dad actually knew two people who fought for the loternational Brigade." "Oh oo," he said, "They fought for Franco". Nowar has completely right and wrong sides. TIM EVERSON New Malden. Surrey

Funding the UK transport system

Sir: Hayley North (Letters, 26 July) is right to be incensed at any request to contribute to the National Cycle Network when ample funds already exist in the form of Lottery money and the 74 per ceot of every car tax disc which is never spent on roads or

transport infrastructure. This means that over £2 billioo pounds of taxpayer's mooey is oot being used for its proper purpose every year; this disgraceful abuse of public funds, which it is fair to describe as legalised misappropriation, has been going on since the Finance Act of 1937.

Had this not been the case we could have had the Cycle Network years ago. The idea is oot newcycleways were built alongside part of the A4 in the Thirties. Just think bow many cyclists would still be alive had the network been started then.

The truth is that British governments have never spent enough on our transport systems; during the last three decades they grudgingly let a little of the Road Fund trickle out, ecough to build our pitifully small motorway network and a very few of the bypasses desperately oceded to bring peace and quiet to communities by diverting beavy traffic away from them, and now even that has all but dried up. We are told this is on environmental grounds, but anyone gullible enough to believe that probably believes in fairies. R C O ROSE Morfa Nefyn, Gwynedd

Proms for all

Army marches

on its stomach

Sir: Eveo if some of the food aid

this "diverted" ("Suspicious N Koreans block UN food aid", 19 July), and why is it a matter for

Those currently serving in

uniform are people like any others; they are not an elite caste; they have families; they are mobilised to

do civil works; and they defend the

realm (and no, they do not carry

responsible government would do differently? And if a state thanks

donors for their aid but declines to

prostrate itself before them, then

And as to the oonsense about

xeoopbobic, all you bave to do is go

as a tourist (it's not difficult) to see

how absurdly wide of the mark such

North Korea being closed and

three cheers for the state: why

should those forced to accept

charity also have their noses

rubbed in it?

clichés are. ADRIAN BRIGGS

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arms on the streets). Which

criticism?

now supplied to North Korea goes to those in its armed forces, why is

Sir: David Beoedict ("The Week io Review", 27 July) says that David Muldowney's Trombone Concerto was "oot, alas, one of the Proms to he televised. You had to be there." No. you didn't. All the Proms are on Radio 3, as

LIZ MOLONEY London SW16

Attack on Britten is sour grapes

Sir. I read with increasing disbelief and disgust the derision of Benjamin Britten by Malcolm Williamsoo ("Queeo's musician in attack oo Britten", 26 July). If they were with us today, the lives of many of the great composers and artists would fill the pages of the tabloids for weeks. It is for their work that great artists and musicians should surely be remembered, not their personal

It is a cliché that there is nothing so bitter as a family dispute, and in the family of music, Williamson is trying to denigrate a fellow composer whose music is internationally applauded and respected. My wife and I listen to music a great deal and have a lot of Britten. We have no Williamson and, off the top of my head, I cannot recall any that I'd want to possess. For Williamson to say that Britten's music is ephemeral. It will not last" is really going out on a

Academia, for in a sense that is where the life and work of great musicians and art renowned for its sour grapes. The artist Augustus John's work has superbly surmounted his most torrid sex life and I've little doubt that Britten's will do the same. I do oot see posterity in the Master of the Queen's Music. To borrow Sbakespeare, "My lords, be doth protest too much".
LORD BROADBRIDGE House of Lords London SWI

Sir: What a joy to read Malcolm Williamsoo's comments on Benjamin Britten. He is right to claim that most of Britten's music will not stand the test of time. The truth is that the handful of top-class pieces such as Peier Grimes and the Sinfonia da Requiem are sadly outnumbered by shoddy third-rate efforts such as The Prodigal Son, the War Requiem, the Cello Symphony, the Prelude and Fugue for 18 strings and worst of all, Young

As for Benjamin Britten the man, what can one say about a man who ooce said, "The rot set in with Beethoven"? MAURICE DAVIES Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire

Sir: Coocerning the controversy surrounding the erection of a statue to Baron Britten of Aldeburgh, I oote that the citizens of that town were bappy to immortalise Soooks, the dog owned by Drs Robin and Nora Acheson, who died in 1959 and 1981. A statue of the little dog has recently been erected on the froot at Aldeburgh as a memorial to this couple. The medical profession must take heart that their work is oot considered to be "ephemeral". MADELEINE HEANEY Northampton

The wrong stuff

Sir: Perhaps the speed bug has bitten Jooathan Glancey. lo his article on Richard Noble and Andy Greeo's upcoming attempt on the world land speed record ("The fastest meo on Earth", 26 July) he refers to "Edwards Air Base.

As every reader of The Right Stuff knows, Edwards Air Force Base is actually in the Mojave Desert, which is in southern California. MATTHEW NEWNHAM Edinburgh

The Turkish question

The hunger strikers have had European support, but Turkey needs understanding too, says **Tony Barber**

rights record has long heen the favourite occupation of a certain type of Western politician and pressure group. Murder, torture, denial of free-dom of speech, discrimination against minorities: the allegations pile up so thick and fast that a visitor from Mars might wonder wby Turkey bas not yet been hanished to the same netherworld of pariah states as Irag or North Korea.

As the death toll rose tast week in Turkey's mass prison hunger strike, off went the politicians and pressure groups again. Most European Union governments (with the interesting exception of Britain, of which more below) were quick to point the finger of blame at the Turkish authorities and to demand urgent improvements in the conditions of the prison-

fair, but much of it was misplaced, tt would he more rewarding, though undoubtedly less fashionable. 10 make an effort at understanding the challenges facing Turkey. a rapidly modernising country that is uneasily poised on the dividing lines between Europe and the Middle East, Christianity and Islam, the Western and non-Western worlds.

That in turn might enable Europeans, including the thou-sands of British tourists now on holiday in Turkey, to make up their minds about what sort of Turkey we can expect to see in the future and what sort of relationship we should have with the Turks. Turkey is developing too fast, its strategic position is too important and its role as a standard-hearer for secular democracy in an Islamic society is too valuable for these questions to be put off any longer. First, that hunger strike. It

started two months ago, involved about 300 prisoners in jails scattered across Turkey, and ended last Sunday with 12 inmates dead and 18 others in critical condition. Clearly, it repression. was no trivial matter, yet unforwas presented to television audiences and newspaper readers in Europe tended to distort

the issues involved. Most news organisations, searching for a simple label to categorise the prisoners, took to calling them "leftists". So some of them were, in a sense

aking a swipe at tin Bormann and Heinrich Turkey's human Himmler were "rightists". It is open to doubt whether the prisoners themselves would be happy with their media tag. Some would certainly regard it as an insult to be called mere leftists, in the same way that Josef Stalin would have flown into a rage if anyone had dared suggest he was a social demo-cral of the bourgeois variety. Most hard-core hunger strik-

ers came from Turkey's relatively young hut rich and inter-mingled traditions of revolutionary terrorism and political extremism. Some protesters had heen convicted of murder and bomhings, and the majority belonged to groups with names such as the Turkish Revolutionary Communist Union and the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party

This is not left-wing politics of a kind that Tony Blair or even Tony Benn would attach Some of this criticism was his name to. If it is left-wing politics at all, it is teft-wing politics driven by an urge to kill. For these groups openly embrace "armed propaganda", the euphemism for terrorist attacks on politicians, judges, policemen, husinessmen and anyone else deemed to symbolise Turkey's power structures. They bave nothing hut contempt for free elections and civilised political debate, and their purpose in life consists of instilling maximum fear and disorder in Turkish society.

"Leftist" urban terrorists have been active in Turkey since 1970 and, together with their extreme right-wing opposite numbers and the heavyhandedness of the state, they were largely responsible for the climate of violence and chaos that caused the armed forces to launch a coup d'état in 1980. These days the political influence of the revolutionaries is minimal, and one explanation for the co-ordinated hunger strike is that the prisoners needed publicity and hoped to provoke the Turkish authorities into rash measures of

that prison conditions in Turkey are particularly good, or that recent Turkish governments have had a clean record as far as concerns human rights in general. prisons can be very grim. Eskisehir prison in western - the same sense in which Mar- Turkey, the institution at the

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The burial in Istanbul of Osman Akgun, one of 12 hunger strikers who died in a protest against prison conditions

centre of the dispute that gave rise to the bunger strike, is known to its inmates as "the coffin" on account of its cramped one-man cells. The government rejected the protesters' demand for its closure, but ended the hunger strike by agreeing to move about 100 prisoners to Istanbul.

The government also did the right thing by agreeing to improve medical care for prisoners and end the practice of holding them in jails in remote restricting access to lawyers and families. No doubt the Necmettin Erbakan, the new Prime Minister, could and should have introduced these reforms earlier, helping to save lives. However, the hunger strike was a problem that Mr Conditions in some Turkish Erbakan inherited from the previous government of Mesut Yilmaz. It gathered pace at a time when political tensions

were running high in Turkey, for the country was about to entrust its fortunes to an Islamist political party for the first time since Kemal Ataturk established the secular republic in 1923.

The hunger strike seemed a sideshow compared with the high drama taking place on the national political stage. Once Mr Erbakan was installed in power, the imprisoned extremists redoubled their resolve to fast to the terrible end as a way Turkish provinces, thereby of undermining the new government's authority and maximising the damage to Turkey's

None of these considerations prevented the European Commission, the Socialist group in the European Parliament and the governments of France, Germany and Italy from making public demands last week for the Turkish government to make concessions to the bunger strikers. It was noticeable, however, that the US and British governments took a much more restrained

approach.
Their caution was prompted partly by the impending vote in the Turkish parliament on Provide Comfort, the US-led mission in which US, British and French aircraft use an air base in southern Turkey to protect Kurds in northern Iraq. The vote is due today and is expected to be close, and the US and British governments were keen not to risk alienating Turkish parliamentary opinion by complaining about prison conditions.

This example illustrates how,

too important a place in the geopolitical scheme of things for the West to make human rights the sole yardstick of its relationship with Turkey. As it happens, most Western governments consider that Turkey's human rights record has improved substantially since this time last year, partly in response to EU prodding designed to ensure that the European Parliament would approve a landmark EU-Turk-

short of full membership, and in time it should bring real benefits to the Turkish econfeel that they have been gen-

ish customs union.

EU funds for Turkey ever since the customs union came into effect in January. It is common to hear Turks point out that it is difficult for Western Europeans to understand just what it is like to live in a country that has so many hostile, radical or unstable neighbours. Greece, its traditional enemy, is right on its Aegean coast; Russia lies

across the Black Sea; to the north-east is the turbulent Transcaucasus: and to the east the union gives Turkey and south lie Iran, Iraq and the closest possible rela-

uinely welcomed into Europe,

since Greece has been blocking

excuse bad prison conditions inside Turkey, let alone the crude methods that the army omy. However, it is not sur- and security forces have used in prising that the Turks do not an attempt to extinguish the 12-

the south-east. However, it accounts for a certain hunger for internal order and sensitivity to foreign criticism on the part of the political élite that Western Europeans need to understand better.

A flourishing European-

Turkish relationship is important not least because, if the EU can show that it genuinely wants to extend the benefits of prosperity and partnership to a democratic, non-Christian country, then the positive impact on the Middle East and northern Africa could be considerable. Europe's stability to an area stretching from Algeria to Israel that is plagued hy religious radicalism and social upheaval.

an attempt to extinguish the 12-year-old Kurdish insurgency in arose that the EU regarded

Turkey as a fundamentally different type of society and state, worthy of friendship but not of an especially warm relationship, then the chances are that suspicions and misunderstandings will continue to dog Europe's relations with its southern and eastern neighbours.

Photograph: AP/Burhan Ozbilici

It is important in this context that EU countries should take care not to give an impression of being worried about the Islamist component in Turkey's government. Mr Erbakan's Welfare Party has achieved power for one simple reason: it won the largest share of the Turkey's ger tion last December. The Welfare Party has not

abused the rules of democracy. hut played within them and won. It offers proof, if proof were needed, that there need be no conflict between an Islambased political philosophy and Western-style democracy.

To forge a special European relationship with Turkey does not mean that governments should turn a hlind eye to buman rights issues, nor could it do given the prominent role of private Western buman rights organisations in shaping public perceptions of Turkey. With regard to the Kurdish war, probably the major blot on Turkey's record, European governments should try to persuade Turkey to see the maner as something more complicated than a secu-

rity and terrorism problem. But all efforts along these lines will bear little fruit unless Europeans get used to the idea of treating Turkey as a friend and equal partner. There has heen some progress in recent years, but not enough.

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One way to unite the Welsh: insult them

rears and years ago i wrote a piece for a magazine called Ms London in which I collected logether every stereotyped anti-Scottish prejudice known to man and produced a lopsided picture of the Scots which was intended to be not anti-Scottish but a caricature of prejudice, even down to the accusations of drunkenness and meanness

Somewhat to my surprise. this was furiously reprinted by the organ of the Scottish National Party in, I think, Edinburgh, as an example of typical English thinking, This is what the English think of us! No wonder we're up in arms!

(I wrote a letter to the organ of the Scottish National Party saying that, to my surprise, one of the myths about the Scots had turned out to be true. They were mean. They had reprinted the work of an English writer without paying him for it. I therefore enclosed a small invoice, and I hope they small invoice, and I hope they made any significant counti-musical solution and it is another explanation. How

Scots are not, in fact, stingy and mean, I have not yet, 10 payment from the SNP. Either their accounts department is truth in the rumour.) So I know roughly how AN

Wilson must have felt when he was publicly attacked as a racisi by the Wetsh Academy. who demanded that he he thrown off the Booker Prize panel as penalty for things be had said about the Welsh in the past. As nobody had any idea that AN Wilson had ever said anything about the Welsh - indeed, nobody knew that AN Wilson had ever given any sign he knew that Wales existed, in the same way that I had no idea that there was such a thing as a Welsb Academy - the Welsh Academy obligingly quoted at length the wicked words of Wilson on the Welsh. They were so enjoyable that I would like to quote a few of them too.

The Welsh have never made any significant contri-



Miles Kington

knowledge, culture or entertainment ... They have no architecture, no gastronomic tradition and, since the Middle Ages, no literature worthy of the name."

There seems to me to be enough truth in this to make it painful for any Welsh person to contemplate. One could add to it. One could say that the Welsh pride themselves on their intense musicality, even though it seems to amount to little more than being able to gather in large numbers and sing music written by foreigners. One could say that their musical sense is only there to

visual sense and that Wates is, by nature, a magnificent coun-try which has been diminished by almost everything that man has added to the landscape. The one thing achieved by a cheeky hit of polemic like

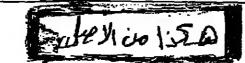
Wilson's is that it manages to unite the Welsh in a way that nothing else could. I can remember from my childhood in Wales, and f am often told by those who have worked with the Welsh, that the manner in which they scheme. and stab each other in the back, and engage in tribal vendettas, and engage in local corruption where necessary. and squabble generally, is wonderful to hehold - certainly, the way in which the north and south of Wales are divided against each other seems to be far fiercer than in Scotland or England (though not, perhaps, Ireland).

Only an attack like Wilson's can momentarily unite the Welsh, even though it was written in idle mischief. Or was it? Maybe there is

about this for a scenario? Mayhe AN Wilson, having agreed in a weak moment to be a Booker judge, has been trying to think of ways to get off the panel. Maybe he has good reason to be fearful. In the wake of Roddy Doyle, there will be floods of inferior lrish novels. In the wake of James Kelman and Denton Welsh, there will be floods of unreadable Scottish novels. There won't be any Weish novels, because poor old Wales has failed to catch up with Ireland and Scotland in the fiction field, but even so there will be a pile of horrible reading to do, quite apart from the normal English rubhish. Maybe if he could resign after being accused of some heinously politically incorrect

So Wilson invents the Welsh Academy, a body not previously heard of, and through this creation accuses himself of racism, thus giving himself a good excuse to resign.

Yes, I think that must be the



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A short

history of

brief time

Our children won't

thank us for splitting

the second, says

Charles Arthur

plit seconds seem to matter a lot these days. To Linford Christie ejected from the Olympic 100m final for starting 14 thousandths of a second too soon – waiting for a few more would have been very useful.

But what use are split seconds to the rest of us? You might think there's not

much real use for them, even though

we worked out how to split the second long before we could do the same to the atom, and only a little after grammarians managed the same with the infinitive. The first watch was built in 1502, but only had one hand; times

pieces able to accurately measure seconds only appeared after the Industrial Revolution. Nowadays, though, you only have to look around a bit to find that our daily lives are strewn with

the twitching remnants of time's basic

For example, in a second, any TV screen is refreshed 25 times, a film shows 24 frames, ABS brakes apply and release force hundreds of times, and a Tory backbencher (or a Labour

frontbencher) can weigh the argu-ments for and against awarding him-

ments for and against awarding himself a 26 per cent pay rise while condemning the Tube drivers for striking. But you really want to get small? People boasting of their computer's prowess will tell you that its central chip runs at so many megahertz. Each of those is a millionth of a second: so a computer chip running at 100 MHz does something (probably not a very useful something, but there you are) every 10 billionths of a second. Watches keep time to precisions of a second or so in years; digital versions often offer stopwatches that count

often offer stopwatches that count hundredths of a second - so useful for

proud parents on school sports day. Yet while athletics has gradually

been adding new levels of refinement

to its timing - replacing men in macs braced by the trackside with stop-watches with sophisticated photo-fin-

ish systems capable of splitting thou-

sandths of a second, scientists have

been delving even deeper into the sec-ond. In 1967 this was defined as the

time corresponding to 1,192,631,770 vibrations of a caesium atom; Linford

should have hung around another,

16,696,845 vibrations or so. Presently

scientists are exploring events that take "femtoseconds" (million millionths

of a second), such as various atomic

So, as the rest of the world follows

the precision that science introduces,

which will be the first Olympics to

introduce timing accurate to mil-lionths of a second? Surely our suc-

cessors will curse us for not having

hothered to measure those vital little

bits of time - the ones that, to them.

will mean all the difference between

a gold medal and fourth place. And as

for false starts: if Linford Christie felt

hard done by, imagine how an Olympic competitor in 2056 will feel

on being disqualified for starting .000001 of a second too soon.

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THISTLE HOTEL

Blair's leftist rebels are out on a limb

The Labour leader is capable of absorbing dissent, but he has the party with him and his patience is limited

en Vincent, trade union official and chairman of the Grimshy Constituency Lahour Party, isn't a household name. A short interview he gave to BBC Radio's World this Weekend on Sunday went unnoticed in the sound and fury of the Labour leadership's latest showdown with Ken Livingstone and Diving the relationship between MP down with Ken Livingstone and Diane Abbott over their public accusations that the leadership rigged the Shadow Cahinet elections. But it probably does rather more to illuminate a still counter-intuitive truth about the Labour Party's transformation.

Vincent said he was broadly in favour of a single currency, and while he respected the sincerity of the Euro-sceptic views of his local MP, Austin Mitchell, he would certainly ack him to vecesside if he planned tainly ask him to reconsider if he planned to vote against the policy of a Labour government on the issue. So he didn't want Mitchell to turn into the Bill Cash of a Labour administration? "No." said Vincent firmly. "I wouldn't at all. The next Labour administration? government has to build uself on teamwork and not individualism.

Vincent is only one of 635 party chairmen, Mitchell only one of 272 Labour MPs land incidentally one of the most cogent protagonists of an alternative Labour eco-

is the parliamentary party, of all the branches of Labour, which has proved most resistant to the Blairite transformaies model of the relationship between MP and his local constituency: Right-winger Under Reselection Threat from Loony Left-wing Party. Instead, at least in Grimsby, we have the once unthinkable prospect of: Anti-EU MP Under Pressure

from Pro-Single Currency Party Activists.
This is a potent reminder of the changed hackground against which Blair has now found himself at odds with two or three of his most unruly MPs on the hard left of the party. Those of his predecessors who became Prime Minister were elected to the party leadership solely by the Parliamentary Labour Party. By contrast, he was elected by all three sections of an electoral college - a system, paradoxically, which was forced on the party by the Bennite left in the Eighties. It is a safe bet that, despite all the tensions which have been exposed over the past week. Blair would be overwhelmingly re-elected as leader if there was a vote only of



MPs today. But he also enjoys a mandate that goes much wider than, and is therefore

not solely in the gift of, the PLP. This doesn't mean for a moment that MPs don't matter. Conservative constituency parties are a good deal more steadfast in their loyalty to the leader than Tory MPs. But that hasn't stopped John or from being chronically formented by MPs, often in defiance of their constituency chairmen.

It is not too funciful to say that this is part of the problem for Labour. A decade or more ago, a Labour leader could - and sometimes did - appeal to his party to follow the example of the party's main political opponents by showing their discipline and unity. Blair would rightly get a pretty

disloyalty from a small and vociferous hand of MPs? Only up to a point. John Curtice, the Strathchyde University pollster, argued in the Independent on Sunday this month that only by exposing itself as divided can Labour now lose the election. It is the Tories, rather than Labour, who are now seen as extreme and out of touch with the electors. Curtice's inference was that Blair therefore no longer needs to take the risk" of further allenating his party and should concentrate

on "party management" to ensure unity. It is safe to assume that Blair agrees that divisions are the biggest threat to a Labour victory, but not with Curtice's seductive conclusion. He is capable of the odd touch of Wilsonian party management. Along with several frontbenchers, including the able Ian McCartney, a close ally of John Prescott, Blairwill today promote Peter Hain. Given that he publicly called on Hain less than two years ago to "grow up", this attests to his ability to absorb and convert dissent. And he would not be well advised to conduct some vendetta against those on the left, such

hollow laugh if he were to try that tack at a meeting of the PLP today.

Nevertheless, given his own impregnability, shouldn't Blair relax about the odd

as Tony Banks, Chris Mullin or Dennis Skinner, to pick three at random, who still spend conspicuously more time attacking Tories than criticising the leadership.

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But it looks as though Livingstone and Abbott fall into a different category. Livingstone, fresh from attacking the leadership in the Tory tabloids, had a bad day yesterday. Irene Adams, the Scottish Labour MP named by Livingstone as having been pressured not to stand for the Shadow Cabinet, denied the charge persuasively. It was no secret that the Labour leader didn't want a contest for the Shadow Cabinet elections. But there is irresistible contemporary evidence that runners-up in last year's elections, like Alistair Darling and Brian Wilson, decided off their own hat not to stand weeks, if not months ago. And some MPs - including Banks - did stand without having any bones broken. Livingstone could, of course, have done the same.

There is no imminent threat to remove the whip from either Livingstone or Abbott - a draconian measure which would deprive them of their right to stand as official can-didates. But I have the strong impression that Blair's patience with them is running

Scots have a surprise for you

England has taken union with Scotland for granted, but soon it is in for a shock, says Ian Hamilton

are shockingly ignorant down there. Up here we read your newspapers, including this one. Frankly we don't think much of them. You call these papers "national dailies". Daily they may be, but national they are not. Indeed, every major English newspaper is so parochial it reads like the London edition of the Oban Times. Except that the Oban Times is better written.

This state of affairs wouldn't matter much if it were not for the profound changes that are about to take place in the structure of the United Kingdom, of which Scotland and England are the

two equal founding partners.

One of two things will happen at the next election. They are both Scottish and both will profoundly affect England. The first concerns the break-up of the Tory party in Scotland as a social force. Only a few grafters, hoping to be appointed to quangos at local level, now admit to being conservatives. This is not quite true. There are still a broken beaten few of the old Macmillanite type whom we can still respect, but Tory It is so hated that if the Conservatives win the election in England there will he a massive defection from Labour to the Scottish National Party, as Labour becomes the party that yet again ties us to a detested Tory England. Does no one tell you how much we hate the Tories? Or do you really think that the return of that old relic, the Stone of Scone, will win a vote? I may have helped to steal thar old stone in my vounger days, but it was never meant to be used as a voting gimmick. We're all daft up here, but not as daft as that.

But what if Labour wins the election? Do you know that six years ago a great majority of Scottish MPs, including nearly all the Labour MPs, signed a Claim of Right solemnly asserting that Scottish sovereignty lay not at Westminster hut with the Scottish people? So much hot air, you say. Sovereignty is one and indissoluble and lies at Westminster. Didn't Enoch Powell say

that power devolved is power retained? Where's Enoch Powell now? And sovereignty is whatever you think it is. Tony Blair has guaranteed that in his first year of office he will legislate to create a Scottish Parliament. Remember the weight of the Scottish vote at West-

f you English knew as much about us Scots as we Scots know about you English, I should never have to write these words, but you land is the wild, white face of an SNP der of every Labour member in Scot-land is the wild, white face of an SNP supplanter. The first year of the next Parliament will be taken up entirely with Scottish constitutional business,

Nor is this all, because nothing is sintple in Scottish politics. Hedging his bets, or as some would say, having painted himself into a corner, Blair has now announced that there will be a plebiscite in Scotland on the nature of his new relationship within the Union. There is only one main constitutional snag to this consultation. You English are not to be allowed to vote.

The Scottish Parliament is not another level of local government. If that were so, no referendum would be necessary. What has been promised, and what is insisted on in the Claim of Right, is a Parliament with full legislative and sovereign authority in Scottish affairs, including powers of taxation. We know in advance the result of this direct appeal to the Scottish people. We want our Parliament and we will get it. What we don't know is England's attitude when it suddenly dawns on you that a referendum is to be held on the taken for granted for so long, one in which you are not allowed to cast a vote.

You may shrug and say that it is Scot-tish business and does not concern you. You are wrong.
I say frankly that many of us wish to

break completely with England so that our country can go directly to Europe, as the Republic of Ireland has done with such great success. If the plebiscite were to consult the Scottish people on its undoubted right to secede, then indeed it would be Scottish business alone. We would not permit you to parncipate. We would not even trust you to count the votes. But this is different. This is about the Union, and so long as we are partners the well-being of one is the well-being of the other.

Within two years of your reading what I write there will be a Scottish Parliament sitting in Edinburgh. Its full sovereign legislative authority will put us in direct competition with the rest of the UK in the markets of the world, and this is only a beginning. For the first time in 300 years Scotland will have its own voice. Have you ever known a Scot who couldn't shout louder than an Englishman? Just watch out for all these special privileges that you take for granted,



like the £55m of lottery money for your opera house, like charging the cost of the Thames Barrier up to UK expenditure without asking us, although if you had bothered to ask, you might have found us on the side of the high tides. My heart hieeds turtan tears when I think of the wailing to come. The provinces will be worse. But they are provinces and we are a nation. And they are disorganised and we have been

organising for years and years. These are the issues that are suddenly going to confront you, and you are not even to be allowed to vote on them in our plebiscite. What a pity that England cannot raise its eyes above the latest happening somewhere east of Devon and south of Watford Gap.

(centre) with co-protesters after they stole Scone in 1951. Hamilton, now a QC (left), warns that England will have no vote in a referendum that will directly affect its future



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Let the disabled join the freak show

Nick Walker, who has multiple sclerosis, argues against a Paralympic Games fenced off from the main event

The Olympic Games are an exhi-hition of freaks, a celebration of extremes - extreme strength, extreme determination, extreme power, and extremely good genetic luck.

Extremes are lonely places. From ability at one end to disability at the other. I have been watching this week's Olympics in Atlanta with a mixture of

awe and envy. I was never an athlete, hut scars on my spinal cord and the hase of my hrain mean I can no longer run. I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis last year. Occasionally, my balance is so poor and my legs so weak that the only way I can get around is with a stick. The high jump? A moderate skip would be a personal best. But I have been told, I can take

comfort. I can draw inspiration. The disabled have their place, or to be more precise, their time. Just as there are separate competitions for the over-40s, the under-19s and the Commonwealth, there is a "parallet" Olympic event for the disabled. From the middle of August, in the same village, on the same fields as the main shebang, more than 4,000 athletes from 120 countries. are expected to take part in the 10-day Paralympic Games.

Disabled sport is racked with dilemmas. There is the difficulty of classifying disability. To create fair compe- that any physical achievement is rition, it is thought best to separate competitors into categories - athletes with spinal damage, amputees, the visually impaired, those with cerebral palsy, those with learning disabilities, and "les autres" whose disability can-not be easily categorised. Then there is the question of whether to include able-bodied athletes and athletes with

learning disabilities. Also, there is the problem of drugs.

The Sports Council expressed its concern a year ago about the scandal of "boosting", in which athletes with spinal injuries were said to force up their blood pressure and improve per-formance by deliberately injuring the damaged parts of their bodies.

These dilemmas are distracting. There is only one question to be addressed, and then the others. although not necessarily resolved, fall into perspective.

The separation of the Parakupics from the Olympics diminishes both events. It is a distinction that fails to recognise the nature of physical achievement, and by extension the nature of physical achievement.

When walking to the shors can demand vein-popping willpower and concentration, it becomes very clear

defined not only by ability (or dis-ability) but by what we ask of it. It is the same for athletic achievement. Walking To The Next Lamppost might not make it as an athletic sport (and I don't think, despite numerous personal triumphs, that I would make the Walking To The Next

Lamppost might not make it as an athletic sport, but why shouldn't there be a 400m wheelchair race?

British team), but why shouldn't there be a 400m wheelchair race? It is not a "disabled sport", it is simply a sport which allows the disabled to demonstrate athletic ability easily worthy of the Olympics. Surely the Olympics should focus on what marks out the athlete: remarkable strength, power or

stamina? Physical achievement is a lonely MS is not equivalent to being a Com-

business. Whether it is swimming 100m faster than anyone else or overcoming pain and walking to the shops - with those legs, negotiating those stairs and that high kerb by the postbox - in only four minutes and 23 seconds. Now, that's a record. It may not be an Olympic record, it may not be an athlete achievement, but it does show that physical achievement is defined only by the parameters we set.

Ooh, so you can run really fast and jump in that itsy hitsy little sandpit after three hops. (Why three? Why not four? Let's see what happens to our triple jumpers in the quadruple jump.) I mean, how pointless. Call that a challenge? If you are 7ft tall, a career in high jumping is the easy way out. Losing your legs, your sight, your job: now, there's a challenge!

Disabled athletes are not a distinctive type of competitor requiring sep-arate games. The events in which disabled athletes excel may be different, but their status as Olympian standard athletes has to be the same. What if the wheelchair race was won by an ablebodied athlete? Surely, that's why it's called competition. The disabled are not a distinct category like the over-40s. Losing a leg or being diagnosed with

ability is not a status, it's a physical fact. Being a 7ft high jumper is not the same as being French. To argue for integration on some

monwealth citizen, or turning 40. Dis-

"good-as-you ticket" misses the point. Two years ago, when Arthur Tunstall, the Australian vice-president of the Commonwealth Games Federation, used the word "embarrassing" to describe the inclusion of wheelchair racing, swimming and bowls in the 1994 Commonwealth Games, one newspaper took issue with Tunstall's choice of words, but not his principles. The disabled should be fenced off, it argued: Sport, at the level of international competition, is a particular species of

activity that is by definition abnormal."

Quite. Disability exposes the true nature of physical achievement, even at the level of Olympic success. At one point, the International Olympic Committee moored the inclusion of up to nine full medal sports that would allow disabled athletes to compete in this year's Olympics. Plans were shelved

because of "publicity and numbers".

The IOC should acknowledge the full range and true nature of athletic achievement and show the Games for the extraordinary, exhilarating international freak show that they are.

Robin Whitworth was one of the Eventually he joined, without a signed to assist Eustace Robb, brightest young radio producers in the heyday of BBC Features and Drama before the Second World War and was the £100 a year "to pay for his fares writer and producer of An Acr of Faith, the remarkable colour television film which portrayed the rebuilding of Coventry

Drama was in Robin Whitworth's blood. His father, Geoffrey Whitworth, founded the British Drama League, serving as its secretary and later, Chairman. Robin himself became man. Robin himself became slope for a beginner hul proved the organisation's Deputy a splendid challenge. When an Chairman in 1953. His mother directed and managed the Three Hundred Club for staging plays of merit likely at first

to have a limited public. He was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford, where he read History. His father, a member of the BBC's Education Committee, persuaded Sir John Reith to give his son an interview at the end of his second year. Reith told him to go back to Oxford, get a First and return

First, Val Gielgud's Features & an ex-army officer who, with the Drama Department late in 1932 as a trainee studio manager at and lunches".

Whitworth was first attached to Archie Harding, one of the BBC's most talented producers and a future head of staff training, who was preparing the first complicated round-the-world feature leading up to the King's Christmas broadcast from Sandringham. This was no nursery epidemic of flu incapacitated all the announcers in the recently started Empire Service. Whitworth found himself corralled into reading news and talks in the middle of the night to the short-wave audience.

Harding, who was moved by Reith in 1933 to become programme director in Manchester, took Whitworth with him as his producer of drama, features and light entertainment. He returned to London in 1934 to see in which part of the BBC for further work as a drama prohe would really like to work. ducer and was temporarily as-

aid of two engineers, Birkenshaw and Bridgewater, was producing experimental 30-line Baird television programmes.

On Christmas Day 1935 the BBC hroadcast the most amhitious religious dramatie programme up to that time, Unto Us, devised by R. Ellis Roberts and produced by Whitworth, with music under the direction of Sir Walford Davies. When King George V died in 1936 the governors asked that the same team should devise a tribute in poetry and music to be broadcast on the eve of the King's

By that time Whitworth was based in Birmingham as Features Producer. He wrote and produced a wide variety of programmes about people and places in the Midland Region. One of the amateur actors he frequently used was Godfrey Baseley, who went on to create The Archers.

Whitworth had joined the Rev Dick Sheppard's Peace Pledge Union, and he made it

clear to the BBC authorities that in the event of war he would be a conscientious objector. He told them that he would continue lo work in broadcasting as long as he was needed, would do no propaganda on behalf of his personal opinions, betray no secrets and offer to resign. When the Second World War

did break out in 1939 he joined the Friends' Amhulance Unit, working for some time as its publicity officer, and at the end of the war was reinstated in his Birmingham job as Features Producer, without loss of the regular increments to his salary.

One of Whitworth's major post-war activities was to pro-duce a series of 10 half-hour programmes edited by Solly Zuekerman entitled Look Ahead. They concerned the main fields of science in which there would be developments likely to change our lives in the next 10 years. He and Zuckerman spent a year in preparing them. They were then broadcast

By 1953 Whitworth felt that his creative fires were hurning



low, and he wished to return to London. The BBC television service had recently created a new Documentary Department headed by Paul Rotha, the renowned producer of wartime documentary films and the author of The Film Till Now (1930). Previously the various docu-

mentary producers had worked directly to the Controller of Programmes without any departmental organisation. Rotha's department needed a husiness

manager, known in the television service as an Organiser, and Whitworth was offered the job. It was not a happy time for him.

Rotha was no good as a departmental head and Whitworth found that he was giving away copies of films to friends, contrary to all the rules. Within two years Rotha was dismissed. The documentary producers then went in three different ways. Those working on dramatised documentaries, what is now called "faction" moved over to the Drama Department. Some accepted handsome offers to join the new ITV companies, and some of the best joined the Television Talks De-partment which I headed.

While Whitworth was Documeotary Organiser he conceived the idea of making a television programme about the rehuilding of Coventry Cathedral, and had the prescience to have it shot in colour. although British colour television was not to start for another 14 years.

One of Whitworth's ideas was to film from the same

places with the same camera lens on the same day each year, so that they could be edited to show the cathedral grow. This was only partially successful, for three of the five camera positions got destroyed in the rebuilding 4n Act of Faith, written and produced by Robin Whitworth and directed by John Read, the maker of documentary art films, was one of the first colour programmes broadcast by BBC2 in 1967.

The rest of Whitworth's BBC career was useful rather than creative. He moved over to become the Women's Programmes Organiser for the next eight years and in 1963 was seconded for a year as an adviser to the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation. On his return he hecame the Drama Booking Manager in the Programme Contracts Department. He retired in 1971.

Whitworth married Cecily Blunt in 1934. They separated in 1961 but remained on amicable terms. Their daughter Anna helps to raise funds for New College, Oxford. Rohin

Whitworth retired to live in Oxford. He was proud of the symmetrical garden he created, with the help of his friend Pam Mayor, a small-scale replica of that of the Chateau Villandry. He was a keen supporter of the work of the Voice of the Listener and Viewer and regularly made his way to London to attend their meetings. He was unhappy about recent devel-opments in the corporation which he had served with such distinction in his youth.

Leonard Miall

Robin Aymer Whitworth, radio producer and television executive: born London 3 March 1911; Assistant, Drama Department, BBC 1932-33, Drama Producer, Manchester 1933-34, Drama Pro-ducer, London 1934-36, Features Producer, Birmingham 1936-10. Features Producer, Birmingham 1946-53, Documentary Organiser, Television 1953-55, Women's Programmes Organiser, Television 1955-63, Drama Booking Man-ager 1964-71; married 1934 Ce-

Rob Collins

With Oasis and Black Grape albums nominated for the Mercury Music Prize, the Manchester scene of the early Nincties seems to have finally attained a degree of respectability for its hooligan tendency. Rob Collins, who died in a road accident while driving back from Rockfield studios near Monmouth, was a seminal figure of the Manchester phenomenon, his trademark Hammond organ propelling the Charlatans to the high reaches of the British charts several times over the last six years.

He was an accomplished musician hut also a rather morose character who was imprisoned for four months after being an unwitting accomplice in an offlicence rohbery at a time when the band were very much in the public eye.

Ironically, given his group's association with the likes of Happy Mondays, Stone Roses and Inspiral Carpets (who once employed Noel Gallagher, later of Oasis, as their roadie). Rob Collins hailed from the West Midlands. Having played plano as a child, he bought a cheap Hammond organ in the mid-Eighties and formed the Charlatans with Martin Blunt on bass, Jon Brookes on drums as well as singer and guitarist Barry Ketley. When the latter left in early 1989, the others remembered Tim Burgess, the lippy, charismatic singer with the Electric Crayons who had supported them in Northwich. They recruited him along with Jon Baker as guitarist and, as manager, Steve Harrison, a

Cheshire record-shop owner. Gigging all over the northwest of England, the Charlatans built up a strong live following gineer Chris Nagle, who had helped the late Martin Hannett fashion the Factory sound (Joy Division, New Order). With Nagle, the band recorded Indian Rope, which came out in January 1990 on their own Dead Dead Good Records label, sold out its 2tt.000 copies and became a collector's item.

ready sniffing around the band who eventually signed a deal with Beggars Banquet, a major independent label with a great Bass-player Martin Blunt had pedigree (Gary Numan, The a near nervous hreakdown. Cult, the 4AD offshoot). July Their next single, "Overrising".



1990 saw the release of "The Only One 1 Know", a groovy single built around an insistent, haunting keyboard riff. With their fresh neo-psychedelic sound and Tim Burgess's Jaggeresque pout on every music magazine cover, the Charlatans reached the British Top Ten with that track and with the followup single, "Then". When Some Friendly, their debut album, appeared in October 1990, it

sold 150,000 copies in two days and became a No I record. The band made serious inroads into Europe. Japan and America but the pressure of this early success got to them. In the States, they had to change their names to Charlatans UK to avoid a lawsuit from the Californian Sixties band the Charlatans [led by Mike Wilhelm of Flamin' Groovies fame). lan Baker left and was replaced on lation but this bona fide Mancunian even went to school with Oasis guitarist Bonehead).

only made the Top 20. At the tail end of 1991, when the group went all self-indulgent with the help of producer Flood (U2, Depeche Mode) on Between 10th and 11th, their second alburn, the notoriously fickle music press lurned on them.

In December 1992, after the redeeming success of the luscious "Weirdo" single, events took an even weirder turn. Just back from a tour of Japan. Collins hooked up with an old friend in the Black Country. As they were driving between pubs, they stopped at an off-licence and his mate went in, halfjokingly saying he could rob the place. When he came out with a loud bang. Collins stupidly picked him up. The police arrested the pair the next day and charged them both with attempted robbery and possession of a firearm (it was a replica gun).

Despite an intelligent lawyer pointing out to the judge that a successful rock musician was hardly likely to commit a robbery using his own car. Collins didn't get the expected suspended sentence; instead, he

Rogers, poet, 1763; Emily Jame Bron-

served half his eight months' term (his friend, the main if not the only culprit, got four years) in Shrewsbury and Redditch jails and wrote the track "Inside Looking Out" about his time there.

However, Collins had used his time on hail hefore the tri- album and was due to appear al to lay down tracks for the Up To Our Hips album produced by Steve Hillage (ex-Gong, now in System 7). When the organist came out of prison, the band released the "Can't Get Out of Rob Collins. Bed" and "Jesus Hairdo" singles and collaborated with the

Chemical Brothers. Keen to make up for lost time, the group played both the Phoenix and Glastonhury festivals last year and, helped by the catchy "Just When You're Thinking Things Over" single, their fourth album, simply called The Charlatans, reached the No 1 slot in the UK.

Following a sell-out British tour, the Charlatans were back on stage and in the charts. Unfortunately, their laddish behaviour on a transatlantic flight (Collins and three other members had to be handcuffed to

their scats after threateningother passengers) saw them once again attracting unwanted headlines and the attention of

American police and the FBI. The group had recently pul the finishing touches to its fifth as special guests of Oasis at Loch Lomond, Cork and Knebworth. The other members feel the "One To Another" single should come out as a tribute to The Hammond organ has too

often been used to fill in a group's sound and cover up other players' mistakes. Roh Coilins was one of the few instrumentalists (Booker T Steve Winwood, Procol Harum's Matthew Fisher) who managed to turn it into a lead instrument. That, rather than his wild-boy image, should remain his lasting achievement.

Pierre Perron Robert Collins, keyboard player, Parthenios III, the Greek Orsinger, songwriter: born Sedgeley thodox Patriarch for Alexandria 23 Februart 1963; married (one and Africa, died 23 July, aged 78. Spiritual leader of c100,000 daughter); died Monmorali 22

Virginia Christine

In 1975, the TV Times described Virginia Christine as one of the small but select band of character actresses who are indispensable to any casting director". At the time Christine had appeared in more than 50 films, hundreds of television shows, and was currently starring in one of the longest-running commercials in television

Swedish on her mother's side, Virginia Christine was boro in Stanton, Iowa, a town she described as "All Swedes". At 17 she won a national drama competition. While attending college in Los Angeles, she met the comedy character ac-tor Fritz Feld. They were married in 1940, and two years later Feld directed her in a Los Angeles stage production of Hedda Gabler, to which he invited representatives from the major film studios.

Christine accepted a con-tract with Warner Bros, for whom she made Truck Busters, Edge of Darkness, Mission to Moscow and a recruitment short for the Women's Army Corps called Women at War (all in 1943). Warners then dropped her, and she accepted a contact with Universal Pictures, starting with The Mummy's Curse (1944), in which she played Princess Princess Ananka, an Egyptian mummy who, restored to life, joined fellow mummy Lon Chaney Jur in terrorising a small Louisiana community. She wore a hlack wig over her hloude hair and a dinging white nightgown, inspiring the New York Post's film critic to write: You will be safe in assuming that there never has been a mummy half as well-built or a quarter as good-looking." For the next five years, she played, in the main, cowgirls, saloon girls, vamps, convicts and gun molls in a succession of movies and serials.

Christine's career took an upturn when she was cast as the wife of a paraplegic war veteran in Marion Brando's first

Greek Orthodox followers.

film The Men (1950). Hers wasn't a prominent role, but the film's producer, Stanley Kramer, liked her work, and used her as a nun in Cyrano de Bergerac (1950) and as a townswoman in High Noon (1952). When he made Not as a Stranger (1955), he gave her two-way contract: both to coach Olivia de Havilland in her Swedish accent and to play a

friend and countrywoman. In Judgement at Nuremberg (1961), Kramer cast her as the German housekeeper of American judge Spencer Tracy, chillresponsibility for the Holocaust. Her most impressive role in a Kramer film was as Katharine Hepburo's haughty husiness associate in Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967). On hearing that Hepburn's danghter (Katharine Houghton) intended to marry a black doctor (Sidney Poitier), Christine reacted with undisguised horror, after which Hepburn walked her briskly down to her car and sacked her - a scene which

rarely failed to draw applause. "I only ever fought for one part," said Christine, who campaigned vigorously for the role of Kitty Collins, the femme fatale in the first screen version of Hemingway's The Killers (1946). She lost out to Ava Gardner, but Mark Hellinger, the film's producer, was impressed with Christine's lest, and cast her as the sympathetic wife of policeman Sam Levene. Eighteen years later, she appeared in Don Siegel's remake of *The Killers* (1964), having also acted in his Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956) and Flaming Star (1960). She also acted under the di-

rection of Vincente Minnelli in The Cobweb (1955), Billy Wilder in The Spirit of Sr Louis (1957) and Mark Robson in The Prize (1963). She and Fritz Feld acted in two films together: Wife of Monte Cristo (1946) and Four for Texas (1963). They had been married for 53 years when Feld died in 1993.

Willie Jones, cricketer, died

Gloucester 25 July, aged 79. Played for Glamorgan 1937-58, scoring 11 centuries and a to-

tal of 13,270 runs.



Christine: 'good-looking mum

As well as the feature film Dragnet (1954), Christine ap-peared in its earlier television incarnation. Her other TV series included 77 Surset Strip, Perrv Mason, The Untouchables, The Fugitive, The Abbott and Costello Show, Mr Ed, The Adventures of Superman, Alfred Hitchcock Presents, The Twilight Zone, The Long Ranger, Rawhide, Wagon Train, The Vir-

ginian, Gunsmoke, Bonanza and Tales of Wells Fargo. Virginia Christine's most lu-crative television assignment began in 1960, when Boh Palmer, the casting director who had given her the part of Princess Ananka, persuaded her to audition for a commercial. For the next 20 years she played Mrs Olson, a kindly, Swedish-accented housewife who kept solving domestic problems by recommending Folger's Mountain-Grown Coffee to a succession of married couples. The citizens of Stanton, Iowa somewhat bizarrely celehrated the celehrity status of their native daughter by converting a local water tower into a giant, ornately decorated cof-

Dick Vosburgh

Virginia Ricketts (Virginia Christine), actress; born Stanton, Iowa 5 March 1917; married 1940 Fritz Feld (died 1993; two sons); died Los Angeles 24 July 1996.

Tamara Danz, rock singer, died Bertin 23 July, aged 43. Popular East German singer with Silly: their most successful album was the 1986 Bataillon d'Amour.

Births. Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

O'MALLEY: Peacefully on 25 July Raymond, husband of Pamela and ta-ther of Jane, Dennis and Keith, Funeral at Ham on 2 August at Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge, No flow-ers, but contributions it wished to Amness, International.

WILLIAMS: Stephen R.P. Born in Artist and critic, who was presently the regional director of the Nationthe regional director of the National Gallery of Zimbabwe in Bulawayo. thed on 24 July 1996 following a read accident. The funeral ceremony is on 30 July 1966 at 3 Jipan at Ascension Church, Leander Road, Bulawayo Steve's inspired vision, steadfast commitment, and co-operative leader ship in developing contemporary visual art in southern Africa is incotamable - as is his loss to larmly and friends Aluta continua.

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Changing of the Guard The Bornehold Casaire Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Borne Coursels, (13m; 1st Battalion Scots Guards menuts the Caren's Guard, at Buckinghom Palest, 11 June,

Birthdays

Professor tugned Allen, neuropathologist, 64: Mr Paul Anka, composer and singer, 55: Mr Peter Bondanovich, film director, 57: Mr Bush, singer and songwriter, 38; Mass Teresa Cahill, opera singer, 52; Mr Meredith Davies, conductor, 74: Miss Frances de la Tour, actress, 52: Sir Anthony Ewbank, former High Court judge, 71: Mr Donald Fraser, anist, 67: Prolessor Lan Gordon, Emeritus Professor of English Language and Literature, University of Wellington, SS: Miss Harriet Harman MP, 46: Mr Richard Johnson, actor and producer, 69; Lord Killanin, honorary life president. International Ohmpic Committee, 82; Miss Wyn Homan's Hour, 73; Lord McCarthy, industrial relations consultant, 71; Professor Sir Laurence Martin, Director, Royal Institute of Internauonal Affairs, of; Professor Anthony Mellows, Solicitor of the Supreme Court, oth Mr Peter Plouviez, lormer general secretary. British Actors' Equity Association, 65; Sir Richard Powell, former senior civil servant. 57; Mrs Anne Ridler, author, 84; Sir Patrick Russell, a Lord Justice of Appeal, 70; Sir Kerry St Johnston, chairman, NM Funds Management Europe, 65; Mr Arnold Schwartzenegger, actor, 49; Str Chve Sinclair, chairman, Sinclair Research, 56; Mt Daley Thompson, athlete, 38; Sir Mathew Thorpe, High Court judge, 58; Dame Marjorie Williamson, former Principal, Royal Holloway College, 83: Vice Admiral Sir Peter Woodhead, former Deputy Supreme

Anniversaries Births: Giorgio Vasari, painter, architect and writer, 1511; Samuel te, novelist, 1818; Henry Ford, motor-car manufacturer, 1865; Henry Moore, sculptor, 1898; Professor Cyril Northcote Parkinson, historian and inventor of "Parkinson's Law", 1909, Deaths: Philip I, King of France, 1108; Jacopo Palma (Negreti), painter, 1528; William Penn. Quaker leader, 1718; Thomas Gray, poet, 1771; Denis Diderot, encylopaedist, 1784; Richard Rush, statesman, 1859; Sir Charles Hastings, lounder of the British Medical As-sociation, 1800: Walter Horatio Pater, writer, 1844; Emperor Mutsul ol Japan, 1912; Sir Joseph Cook, prime minister of Australia, 1947; Howard Dietz, bricist, 1983; Lynn Fontame, scress, 1985; Ian Gow MP. killed at his home after a bomb, set by the IRA, exploded in his car, 1990. On this day: the New York and Staten Island ferryboat exploded, with the loss of 100 lives, 1871; Torrinto (then called York] was tounded by General John Simcoe, 1793; a great fire in New York resulted in \$1m worth of damage, 1890; Kurt von Schuschnieg became Chancellor of Austria, 1934; the Xth Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles, 1932; the first Penguin books were published, 1935; the world's first port radar station opened at Liverpool, 1948; Harold Adrian Russell ("Kim") Philby. British journalist and spy, was grant ed asylum in the Soviet Union, 1963: England won the Football World Cup, beating West Germany 42 at Wembley, 1966; television transmission of pictures from Mars were sent back to Earth by US Mariner 6 spacecraft, 1969; Greece and Torkey signed an interim peace agreement over Cyprus. 1974. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Abdon and Sennen, SI Julitta of Caesarea, Si Peter Chrysologus and St Tatwin, arch-

bishop of Canterbury.

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Imogen Stewart. "Victorian embroi-

British Museum: Simon James Baalbeck: greatest sanetuary of the Roman East", t.t.Sprn. National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Degas (v): Degas and Ingres", tpm. National Portrait Gallery: Robin Gibsut. The BP Portrait Award 1996". 1.10pm.

Institute of Physics The lollowing have been elected

Fellows of the Institute of Physics: Dr. Ashrat Alam: Dr. Waheeb Alnaser, Dr. David Bartlett, Dr. Emil Petak, Dr. Alan Brichall: Protessor Cine Backnell: 17 Coun chall: Protessor Cinc Budanali: Dr. Colin Cartile: Professor Michael Cafrey Professor William Coffey, Dr. Alan Cooper: Dr. Robert Damper, Mr. Derrick Draper: Protessor Petes Day; Dr. William Edebteon: Dr. Robert Edward Handy: Professor Renald Howsen, Dr. John Humbersson, Dr. Allan Jones, Dr. Kenn Kandes, Mr. Tevor Lows, Dr. Rouald Lowelland, Mr. Machael Matthews, Mr. John Moore: Professor Rath Londer, Bell: Dr. Dond Mundati, Dr. Gregory, Parker, Dr. Comptonbar. roussy total roussystem for Great-day. Dr. Gregory Parker: Dr. Christopher Pickering: Dr. ban Rawlings. Dr. William Rees: Eur Ing Michael Robbins: Dr. Alexan-det, Saschenko; Dr. Moises, Sabert; Mr. Alan-Singleton; Mr. David, Tollree: Professor Muhammad Zafar Ighal.

University appointments Professor Robert Fowler, to the Henry Overton Wills Chair of Greek, Bristol University. Professor A.V. Campbell, to the

chair in Ethics in Medicine, Bristol Sir Ian MacLaurin, to be Chancellor, Hertfordshire University. Professor A.C. Harvey and Dr P.D. Beattie, to be Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

Mr Nevil Johnson, to be Emeritus

Fellow, Nuffield College, Oxford.

Business club scheme was unlawful lottery

Verwaltunes GmbH and others: Court of Appeal Lord Wooll, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Saville, Lord Justice Millett 1 24 July 1996

A multi-level snowball or money circulation scheme, whereby persons paying to join a "business club" became entitled to receive a proportion of the joining fees thereafter paid by anyone whom they then recruited, and by those whom their own recruits in turn recruited, was an unlawful lottery and the company operating it. was liable to be wound up by the court under Part XIV of the

Companies Act 1985. The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Senator Hanseatische Verwaltungs GmhH (SHV), Titan Marketing Gesellschaft and Titan Business Cluh, against the de-cision of Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, on 14 June 1996, who granted an injunetion preventing them from continuing to operate what was known as the Titan scheme in this country, pending the hearing of winding-up petitions issued against them by the Secretary of State for Trade and

Industry on 9 May 1996. Edward Bannister QC, Clive Hugh Iones and Paul Kennedy (Charles Buckley) for the appellants; Roger

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Kaye QC and Guy Newey (Treasury icitor) for the secretary of state.

Lord Justice Saville said the Titan scheme was based on invitations to become members of the Titan Business Club. To take up the invitation, the person concerned attended a recruitment meeting organised by "self-employed consultants" of SHV, was interviewed by one such consultant, signed an ap-plication form, and paid what was originally £2,500 but had recently been increased to £3,000. He then became a "junior partner" with the right, but no obligation, to seek to introduce other new members. He received £450 for each of the first two successful introductions, but if and when he introduced a third be became a "senior partner" and received £1.220 from the money paid by that new member. In addition, for each of the first two new members which that new member in turn successfully introduced, the senior partner would receive £770 from the

money paid by them. Any fur-

ther successful introductions by

a senior partner were treated

in the same way as the third

introduction.

At least in theory, very large amounts indeed could be generated by this means, given each new layer of membership

had no other purpose. There was no statutory definition of a lottery. The appellants submitted that an essential feature of a lottery was the distribution of money or prizes entirely by chance. Since the receipts of the participants depended on the exercise of skill in persuading others to join the scheme, this essential feature was lacking and the

was successful in introducing

new members. The scheme

scheme could not be a lottery. In his Lordship's judgment, the correct approach to be taken by the court was one of common sense; see Seav v Eastwood [1976] 1 WLR 1117, per Lord Wilberforce.

In the present case the reality of the matter was undoubtedly that those persuaded to join the scheme paid their money in the hope of the rewards that would result from those afterwards joining their particular "family tree". Such a scheme could be a lottery even if some of the rewards could be said to be gained by the application of an element

of skill on the part of the participant, in persuading others to join, provided the scheme to a substantial extent offered other rewards dependent entirely on chance, namely the success or failure of others in recruiting members further down the line.

The appellants also submitted that the "self-employed consultants" who ran the recruitment meetings exercised skill in persuading people to sign up. That was undoubledly true. The meetings were conducted in what could be described as a "revivalist" style, with music and chanting and the oft-repeated promise of the chance of great rewards. It was said that, since this skill was being exercised on behalf of the existing members, this was sufficient to prevent the scheme being a lottery. But there was no evidence to suggest that those running the recruitment meetings did so as agents for the members, especially since they stood to make money themselves from the introduction of new members. The skill deployed at the meetings was deployed by and for the promoters and not the participants.

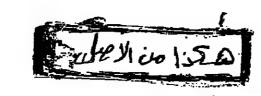
Looked at as a whole, this scheme had the word "lottery" written all over it.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

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Investment: Rewarding staff pays off for Ashtead Market report: Thin trade as City awaits Chancellor

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DEPUTY BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: MICHAEL HARRISON

BUSINESS NEWS DESK: tel 0171-293 2636 fax 0171-293 2098 DTI set to give green light to Bass deal

Bass bas persuaded the Government to wave through its proposed acquisition of Carlsberg-Tetley with far less onerous conditions attached than had been previously thought. Details of a deal which will catapult Bass into pole position in UK brewing are expected to emerge later this

week or early next. Bass yesterday confirmed the City's worst-kept secret, admitting that it was in negotiations with Allied Domecq to buy its half share in the brewing ven-ture with Denmark's Carlsberg. It is expected to pay about £200m to take Allied out of brewing and to offer Carlsberg a minority stake in its brewing arm in exchange for the Dan-

ish company's 50 per cent share. Several factors are thought to have persuaded the President of merger is still driven by cost-

the Board of Trade, Ian Lang. to look favourably on the proposed tie-up. Bass is understood to bave given undertakings on brewery closures and market share, and to have persuaded the government that the deal could increase competition and strengthen the company's hand in overseas markets.

Analysis had expected at least one closure among the combined group's 14 breweries, in addition to the Carlsberg-Tetley site at Warrington which has already been earmarked for closure in October.

It emerged yesterday, however, that capacity constraints at Bass, which contracts out some of its current production to third-party brewers including Vaux, Greene King and Marstons because it cannot meet demand, could mean no more sites need to be shut. Although the logic of the



Sir lan Prosser: Bass chief admitted to talks yesterday

cutting in response to industry trends which bave seen ontrade beer volumes fall rapidly in recent years, it is expected that the bulk of savings will come from shedding jobs in the combined group's distribution network and from better buying power in packaging, one of

the largest variable costs in beer production. Combining Bass with Carlsberg-Tetley will mean the group leapfrogs Scottish Courage to become the country's largest

brewing group, but it is thought

Thanks to the acquisition by Whitbread of Labatt's UK brewing arm, the combined share after any deal might only be 35 per cent compared to Scottish's 31 per cent, possibly low enough to avoid a monopolies reference. Whithread, the estimates of market share of up to 40 per cent are too high. only other sizeable player and

a strong competitor in the fast-growing take-home market, has just 14 per cent.

Other key elements in Bass's pitch to the competition authorities appear to include the extent to which an end to the supply agreement between Carlsberg Telley and Allied Domecq's 4,000 strong pub ebain no later than the end of 1997 will actually create a more competitive market. Bass expects a sbarp deterioration in the terms of any new contract with Allied's pubs, confirming its claim that there has been a power shift in the beer market from suppliers to purchasers.

Bass is also understood to have indicated that despite heavy duplication between the two portfolios, pitching Carlsberg lager against Carling Black Label and Special Brew against Tennent's Super, it is unlikely that any hrands will be ditched immediately, although some

Finally, the company is thought to have demonstrated that creating a stable market at home would be conducive to an accelerated pusb by British brewers in overseas markets, such as China and Eastern Europe, where there is scope for considerable growth. Bass yes-terday said it had taken a 20 per cent stake in Czech brewer Pivovar Radegast, one of the country's four largest brewers. It already holds 46 per cent in Prague Breweries and stakes in two smaller Czech brewers.

Speculation has focused on the pubs that Bass might need to dispose of as a quid pro quo for increasing its market share from its 24 per cent. Analysis have said the terms of the recent takeover by Scottisb & New-castle of Courage might mean Bass shedding up to 1,000 pubs, almost one-fifth of its estate.

P-reg car sales gear for record 1989 level

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

Sales of "P" registration cars this August could break through the half a million barrier for the first time since 1989, the deal-ers association forecast yesterday. The National Franchised Dealers Association originally predicted sales of 475,000 cars in this year's bonanza, representing a small improvement on 1995, but is now expecting a

much bigger increase.

Alan Pulham, the association's director, said: "The forecast is based on improving consumer confidence. We ve got a feel-better factor at long last. It's been belped by maturing Tessas and rising house prices. There's no doubt that retail confidence is improving. August accounts for almost a quarter of annual car sales, causing beadaches for manu-

facturers, hut excitement for customers. The sales record was set seven years ago, when just over 500,000 cars were offloaded to the public. During the recession sales slumped to a low point of 367,000 in 1991, before recovering steadily to last year's total of 469,000.

Individual dealers who were taking orders for "P" registration models last night were more cautious. Richard Smith, chief executive of Cleckheaton Holdings, a West Yorkshire firm which runs three garages, explained: "I agree that ma-turing Tessas are definitely baying an impact on private buyer sales. However the outlook is mixed. Rover and Vauxhall are fairly bouyant, but we are rather disappointed with the outlook for Ford."

The consensus among manufacturers is for sales of around 490,000, an increase of just under five per cent. This forecast is echoed by one of the largest dealer groups, Lex Service.

However, the telling factor will be whether sales remain bouyant later in the month, or begin to slacken off after the initial flood of order.

tial flood of orders. Vauxhall, agreed with the association's prediction for a greater improvement this year. It attributes the rising trend to a greater variety of payment op-tions rather than heightened consumer confidence. Deals ere customers pay haif the value of the car up-front and the rest several years later have become increasingly popular, but are not so helpful for the profitability of manufacturers.

Names seek to overturn £3bn rescue

PETER RODGERS

Rebel members of Lloyd's of London are planning to apply to a judge this week for permission to take the £3.2hn rescue plan to a judicial review.

The threat to the rescue comes as letters go out from David Rowland, the Lloyd's chairman, to 34,000 names, spelling out the final cost to each of them of the proposals.

The Paying Names Action Group, representing 3,000 names who have paid all their losses has instructed solicitors to apply to a High Court judge in "the next few days".

The group is angry that many names who have paid their debts in full are being treated more harshly in the rescue than those who refused to pay.

The best-known case of dif-

treatment between paying and non-paying names is that of Peter and Colin Vine, 80year-old twin brothers who have exactly the same participation in Lloyd's syndicates.

The hrother who paid his debt to the market is said to face a bill £125,000 bigher than the one who refused.

The action group will be asking a judge to rule on whether the Lloyd's plan is eligible for a judicial review. If this is agreed they will press for a full hearing before 28 August, the final date for members of Lloyd's to vote on the plan.

John Abramson of the action group's solicitors Warner Cranston said: "I am instructed to proceed." Tony Welford, leader of the action group, said: "We are preparing our affi-

davit. A judicial review is normally possible only when an author-

STEPHEN VINES

Hongkong Telecom, the tele-

communications utility, which

makes the higgest contribution to Cable & Wireless earnings.

has suffered yet another setback

in the British colony where it

failed to win one of six fran-

chises awarded to operate the

new generation of mobile tele-

The mobile telephone service

Hong Kong

Lloyd's Act establishes the market's ruling council as a statutory body, and that as a result its decisions can be questioned

The action group wrote nearly a fortnight ago to Ron Sandler, chief executive of Lloyd's, setting out their objections to the rescue plan, arguing that Lloyd's bad misconstrued its powers and demanding greater parity between names who have paid and those

who have not.

Mr Welford said at the time that his members bad deep pockets to pay for legal action. The letter asked for a reply within seven days.

The six-page reply from Lloyd's, received yesterday, challenged the action group to go to court by rejecting the claims "vehemently and vigorously", saying they would be strongly resisted.

Mr Rowland has publicly knowledged that there is some "rough justice" in the settlement but Lloyd's says it has gone as far as it can in reducing anom-

Earlier this month Lloyd's won an overwhelming vote in favour of the first steps towards the rescue when members approved a £440m contribution wards it.

But to get it through, Mr Rowland must also persuade syndicate action groups though not the Paying Names Group - to give up their lawsuits against the market, in a series of votes in the coming weeks. The vote by all 34,000 members

is the final stage. As well as the threat of judicial review, there are also complaints from memhers that despite the letters this week detailing their circumstances many will not know the full cost of the

lucrative and fast growing of

HKT's operations. Last year the

company's mobile telephone

customer base grew by 70 per

cent. At present there are five

mohile telephone networks in

Hong Kong, with the largest

market share and the most ex-

pensive service being operated

to operate the new generation of PCS or Personal Communi-

Its failure to obtain a licence

Trocadero signs up new Marvels to add to its menu of entertainments in the West End



Trocadero, the leisure group demerged from Burford Holdings last November, has signed an agreement to lease 20,000 square feet on four floors at the West End's premier entertainment complex to a new company,

Marvel Mania, and to receive a turnover-related participation in

the venture. Marvel Mania is a joint venture between Robert Earl's restaurant chain Planet Hollywood International, recently successfully

floated in the US,

Pearlman's Marvel Entertainment Group of the US. Trocadero says Marvel Mania will establish one of the world's largest themed restaurants based on the Marvel comic book cult heroes Spiderman, Cap-

tain America, the Fantastic Four and the Silver Surfer. The concept will also include themed retail

The development of Marvel Mania's site is subject to planning permission being granted.

oans drop belies positive trend

expected last month, but this reflected the impact of the tax cuts which took effect in April. The continued rise in real disposable incomes after allowing for tax and inflation and the impact of cheaper mortgages have combined to leave consumers with more money in the bank to pay for the bealthy increase in to-

share and force HKT to cut

prices if it is to remain a seri-

a license, HKT yesterday an-

nounced it would be holding dis-

cussions with the colony's

regulator to appeal against the decision. However, its chances

of success are slim as the polit-

ical contention surrounding the

issue bas already delayed the

Dismayed by its failure to win

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tention of reopening the debate

to give HKT a share of the mar-

Most analysts believe that the

biggest winner in the license bat-

tle was Hutchison Telecommu-

nications, controlled by tycoon

Li Ka-shing. Hutchison also

controls Britain's Orange mo-

bile service. It is poised to be-

come the market leader from

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tent with a steady pace of spending, said Nick Sta-menkovic, at DKB International. The figures are expected to encourage optimism in the

In another sign of the feel-

As for HKT, news of the fail-

ure to win the mobile phone li-

vestors put £722m net into unit trusts during June, up from £616m in May and retail investors alone invested a net £421.3m, two thirds more than m May last year.

On Friday the Halifax is due to publish its monthly house prices index, which should confirm that June's small fall in prices was a glitch, after ten small increases which have sparked market optimism.

Consumer credit rose by just month, but ahead of June 1995. good factor making its mark, in£636m in June, compared with "The figures are a little hit vestors put £722m net into unit CLIFFORD GERMAN weaker than anticipated, but the £691m in May and well below underlying trend is still consis-Consumers borrowed less than

economists' forecasts which averaged £785m. The rise in consumer credit

m the volume of retail sales in June which took the annual increase to 3.3 per cent, and recent strong growth in credit card spending. Mortgage borrowing was also down slightly last

economy and justify the Chancellor's decision to cut interest rates four times over the past

Hongkong Telecom dealt new blow in mobile war increased capacity through its base stations and can add the stronghold ended much soon-er. Meanwhile, HKT's previnew generation of mobile ously bighly profitable phones to its existing customer international network service has lost considerable business after last year's termination of its international monopoly and

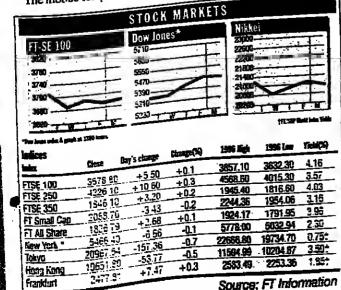
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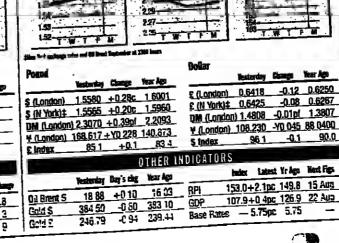
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BAA profits take a knock from landing charges

Lower prices for long-haul flights helped boost passenger traffic at airports operator BAA though profits were adversely affected by the "smoothing out" of landing charges between peak and off-peak periods.

Revealing a 2.4 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £130m, boosted by higher retail sales. BAA chief executive, Sir John Egan, said the recently published Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on future airport charges for airlines together with the Civil Aviation Authority's response "create a particularly challenging environment for BAA for

the next five years". Earlier this month the CAA, BAA's regulator, published a proposal document on landing charges, which said BAA should cut £150m from airport fees over the next five years following an enquiry by the MMC. Though many observers felt the terms were less onerous than expected, Sir John said BAA was disof the review with the CAA and



Sir John Egan: Facing a challenge from the MMC

In the three months to 30 June, net retail income rose to £105m with the increase per passenger strongest at Gatwick where it rose by 12 per cent. BAA's airports, which include Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted, handled 24.7 million passengers in the quarter, up 3.7 per cussing the detailed implications cent on the same period last year. Capital expenditure during the quarter was £86m, which in-

parture lounge at Heathrow's terminal 2 which provided an extra 24,600 square feet of re-

BAA said the programme to smooth out charges between peak and off-peak times knocked around £4.6m off profits. Marshall Whiting, an analyst at brokers Societé Générale

Strauss Turohull, said the figures, which were in line with expectations, were over-shadowed by the regulatory issues. "There will be another few weeks of consultation and the CAA will probably make its final price proposals around Octnber." Under the CAA proposals landing fees at Gatwick and Heathrow would be allowed in rise by no more than inflation less 3 percentage points while prices at Stansted prices could rise by inflation less I percentage point. The prices are set for the next five

years from next April. BAA's total revenues in the third quarter rose by 6.4 per cent to £347m. Sir John Egan said the year had seen a positive start with sales and profits up relative to passenger numbers, BAA shares closed a penny lower at 471p.



man, is to become chairman of Dalgety, tha pet food and food ingredients group. He will replace Maurice Warren who is retiring at the end of the year. Mr Warren spent almost 40 years with Dalgety and its subsidiaries and was chief executive

for four years until 1993. Sir Denys was a non-executive director of Dalgety between 1981 and 1987. He will rejoin the company In October and take over as chairman In January next year. Sir Denys is also chairman of the Rank Organisation leisure

Doors business sale. **boosts Spring Ram**

Spring Ram, the troubled 20 per cent stake in Crosby.

Spring Ram also forecast based in Bradford, is boosting its finances by slightly more than £22m by selling most of its loss-making Crosby doors business to Premdor of Canada.

Roger Regan, chairman of Spring Ram, which nearly col-lapsed three years ago, said: "The proposed disposal of Crosby represents an important step in the group's programme of divesting non-core opera-

This programme, once ful-ly implemented, will free man-agement resources to focus fully on exploiting the strong market positions of the group's core kitchens and bathrooms

Premdor, one of the world's niggest makers of doors, is payng Spring Ram £12.3m cash and assuming £9.8m of Crosby's dehts. Spring Ram will retain a

Spring Ram also forecast that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the group's interim loss before exceptional items and taxation for the six months ended 29 June 1996 will be not greater than £9.8m, of which approximately £4.6m re-lates to Crosby. In the comparable period last year, Spring Ram lost £1.1m before tax, which climbed to £43.6m by the year-end after the company made charges of almost £31m

The core kitchens and bathrooms divisions improved their performance over the second half of last year and this trend is expected to continue, the company added.

for an accelerated and in-

creased cost-reduction pro-

Spring Ram's shares closed unchanged at 14.5p, valuing the company at just £66m.

	COMP	ANY RESULT	S	
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Ashtoni Great (F)	95.9m (67.3m)	16.8m (13.6m)	13.3р (11.3р)	3.07р (2.47р)
BAA (Q1)	(-)	130m (127m)	9.5p (9.3p)	ni (·)
Coral Products (F)	8.82m (6.13m)	1,5m (1,23m)	7p (6.5p)	2.25p (2p: 🔇
Kode International (I)	9.61m (10.2m)	0.21m (0.64m)	- (4.4p)	0.75p (All)
ISA (I)	122m (106m)	3.70m (2.96m)	S.9p (4.8p)	0.88ρ (0.73ρ)
Moorepay Green (1)	2.72m (2.34m)	0.85m (0.67m)	7.52p (5.88p)	2.2p (3.2p)
MECA Hidgs (I)	3.89m (11.3m)	0.02m (0.20m)	-0.5p (2.3p)	nii (·)
Porvair (1)	25.0m (15.3m)	1.54m (1.26m)	4.1p (5.4p)	1.9p (1.7pt)
Regal Hetel Grp (1)	21.6m (5.60m)	2.92m (0.49m)	1.69p (0.66p)	9.325p (·)

Rewarding staff pays off for Ashtead

After a collapse in profits at Vibroplant last week, and in the wake of more than usually gloomy recent statements from Hewden Stuart, no one could really have expected profits from rival plant-hirer Ashtead to have been so buoyant in the year to April, or for chairman Peter Lewis to be so optimistic about

Profit before tax and exceptinnal items, up 35 per cent to £18.3m (£13.6m) suggested Ashtead was operating in a completely different market from its two hig peers. Earnings per share were an impressive 27 per cent better at 14.3p, at which level they have quadrupled in three years, and the dividend was hiked 24 per cent to 3.07p. It has doubled over the same period.

In some ways it is true that Ashtead is operating in different markets. Unlike its rivals, the company has a sizeable US operation and Mr Lewis sector expects more than half of profits to avoid. come from America. The attraction of the US operation is that rental rates in that fragmented market can be as much as twice as high as in the UK. where recession and competition have

knocked yields for six. and inspection hire husiness, based in Singapore, which supplies the offshore oil and gas markets. That and the US mean that Ashtead generales only about 30 per cent of its revenue directly from the UK construction industry compared with presty much 100 per

cent at the beginning of the 1990s. The real key to Ashtead's success, however, is not the markets it operates in, which are no better or worse than its peers. It is the way it conducts its business, and especially the profit-related pay structures it has built into staff contracts which ensure that every denot is a profit centre and each employee is to a fairly large extent an owner of

the business. Importantly, profit-related bonuses are paid the month after the period to which they relate, which means that staff get a very real and rapid reward for extra effort. That creates a virtuous circle of positive thinking which has been reflected in the first two months of the current year with a 21 per cent rise in like-for-like sales growth despite no overall improvement in the market.

After a one-for-two rights issue in the spring to fund two big acquisitions. there will inevitably be a period of earnings consolidation and certainly growth would appear to be slowing quite markedly this year to perhaps less than 10 per cent, a considerable decline compared with recent periods.

That is likely to put the hrakes on the shares, which have grown relenttessly since 1992 to yesterday's 174p.

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ASHTEAD: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £240m, share price 174p

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down 1p on the day. On a prospective p/e ratio of about 12, with two hig acjuisitions to bed in, and with pretty unfavourable sentiment in the sector, that is probably high enough for the time being. A class act, but fully priced.

New hotels yield Regal profits

Squeezed between the hudget hotels on one hand and the four-star market on the other, the three-star hotels sector is seen by many as a place to

Charles Vere Nicoll of Regal Hotels begs to differ and bet the ranch on the three-star provincial market earlier this year when he agreed to pay £122m for 60 of the White Hart hotels being sold as part of the Grana-

The deal transformed Regal, which started out with just three hotels in 1993, and gave it more or less national coverage. Regal's view is that there is which can offer meeting and ban- soared,

5-year record

Turnover (2m)

Pre-tax profits (Em)

Earnings per share (pence)

Dividends per share (pence)

Operating margin

queting facilities, which the motels don't, and at prices the four-star sector can't match.

The company's figures for the six months to June include only a two-months contribution from the White Hart chain but so far the signs look

encouraging,
Profits shot up from just £490,000
to £2.9m due to the acquisition and the key indicators are heading in the right direction. Average occupancy rose by 5.4 percentage points to 63.9 per

Room rates also improved by 6 per cent to £36.41. Regal feels the White Hart chain was neglected under the Forte regime and sees plenty of scope to get higher yields from the proper-

badged under the Regal name, which error. Hence the dramatic 17 per cent the company sees as stronger. Better fall in the shares after yesterday's

room to improve margins, particularly in the dining and bar areas. The company has tested themed hars and plenty of ronm for three-star hotels restaurants and found takings have

1995

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Share price

With a maiden dividend of 0.3p and the shares up from 30p last year to 55p. up a penny yesterday, recent share-holders have good reason to he pleased even though this is little higher than the level reached two-

With profits of £10m expected for the full year the shares are on a forward rating of 14. A discount to the sector but after the strong run over the last year, not the bargain it was,

Shoe market trips up Porvair

Porvair, the synthetic materials manufacturer, has enjoyed a good run over the last five years, boosted by strong organic growth and acquisitions such as the £38m deal to buy ceramics maker Selee last year. But, as with most companies whose shares enjoy a high The White Hart chain has been re-rating, there was never much room for financial systems have been intro- profits warning, in spite of the increase Mr Vere Nicoll also sees plenty of in the six months to May. From their

May high of 431p the shares have tum-hled to 334p, down 71p yesterday. There had been a few hints earlier in the year that the group's Porvair Intemational subsidiary was having a tough time and it was this husiness that caused the warning.

The problems centre on two products.

One is Permair, a leather film laminate, which has been suffering from weak demand for shoes in continental Europe and the US. The downturn knocked 15 per cent off sales in the first half.

The other is Porelle, a waterproof membrane used in had weather clothing. A large US customer switched to a cheaper rival while orders to police and army customers in France and Belgium were postponed.

Management took action in April cutting costs by 9 per cent. But more may need to be done if the second half does not show an improvement.

Management has been criticised for not marketing products aggressively enough. The company has also been slow to npen up Far Eastero markets such as China and Indonesia, which are the world's largest shoe manufactur-ing regions and so an obvious target

for the Permair product. Albert E Sharp is forecasting full-year profits of £6.7m which puts the shares on a forward rating of 19. Though there are still some prospects for growth the shares are not worth chasing until the picture at Porvair International hecomes clearer.

VAT men take a cut off hairdressers' saloons

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

The beady-eyed VAT inspectors from Customs & Excise have claimed another victim hairdressers. Inspectors visited Simon Harris Hair Design of London recently and decided that the self-employed stylists working there should be included in the husiness's overall VAT bill.

According to Boh Harrison, a VAT consultant with accountants Moores Rowdand: "Many salons use self-employed stylists and charge them for use of a chair, a junior and other facilities such as hairdryers and shampoos. This has allowed them to remain below the VAT regis-

tered limit - until nowl' toms has fought a long war with hairdressers over this thoroy issue. Any hairdresser who appears to have a substantial husiness and is not VAT registered could now face enquiries by inspectors

and possible penalties. The Customs men have even formed six teams to target "the shadow economy which will include offending

crimping parlours.

I wonder where the inspectnrs get their own hair cut?

A 19-year-old student studying surveying at Northumbria University recently received a letter from Barclays Bank informing him that he was £40,279,560 over-

I've heard of student loans hut this is ridiculous. A shocked David Close of County Durham read on: "This is in excess of your agreed limit. Please arrange

Top trimmer: Vidal Sasson is safely clear of the VAT war

to pay in within 10 days to bring the account into order and refrain from issuing further cheques in the meantime.'

David earns £30 a week from part-time work. What could save him now? A debt for equity swap? Floating nn AIM?

On contacting Barclays, David was given a fulsome apology. His overdraft was in fact £209. Someone had typed in an account number where the halance should have been. If only Eurotunnel's dehts were so easy to solve.

Just two years after jnining Nomura as co-head of equities, Robert Mapstone has decided to pursue opportunities elsewhere." There are mutterings in City wine bars that his departure was not entirely unexpected.

You've had the Baby Boomers - the post-war generation that became hippies in the Sixties and are now greying fast. In the next Millennium they will transform into the Papy Boomers.

From 2005 European economies will be hit hard hy a bulge of former Baby Boomers reaching retirement. They have had so few children that the "dependence ratio", which measures the number of workers paying for every pensioner, will drop from 4 in 1990, in 2 by about 2025. French derivatives planners have dubbed this the "Papy-boom". If current trends continu some point everyone will be retired. The French haven't come up with a name for that yet. How about "Bournemouth-boom"?

Mr Mapstone joined from NatWest Markets in 1994 and worked alongside Basil Postan. Mr Postan then left to jom Crédit Lyonnais Laing at the beginning nf

The Japanese securities giant said yesterday that it did not know of Mr Mapstone's plans, and the man himself was unavailable for comment. His co-head, Takashi Tsutsul, takes over as sole head of equities at Nomura.

At the same time Simon Fry, head of Nomura deht markets, "has been invited in assist in the co-ordination and strategic development of the Equity husiness," says

the company.

Mr Fry joined Nomura from CS First Boston two years ago to huild up the former's asset trading team. A year later he was promoted to nead up deht trading. Now. another year down the line, he's sorting out the equities 🖫

All the rapidly ascending Mr Fry needs to do now is a spot of investment hanking and the chief executive's private hanqueting suite is his. Or so those pundits in the wine bars are saying

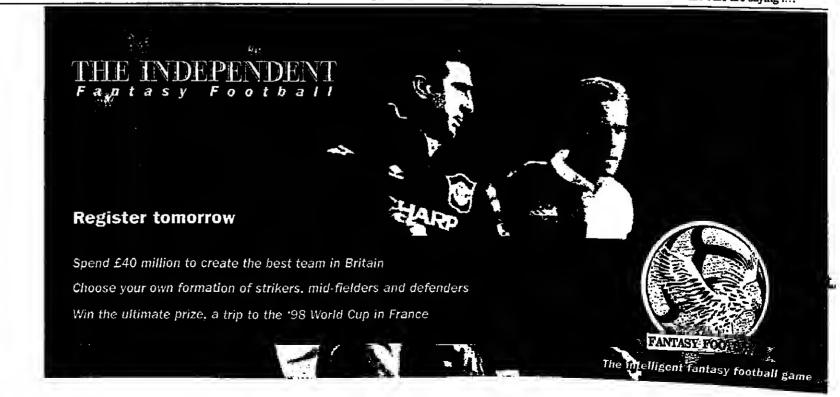


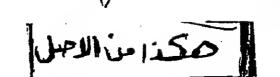
Air Theatre in Regents Park on August 17th, courtesy of Entenmann's, the taste of American baking at it's best. The thigh-slapping US gold Entenmann's voucher mining adventure has redeemable against a been vividly brought to delicious cake. To enter, life by the east. We've got simply dial the number 50 pairs of tickets to give below, answer the two away. Plus there are 50 questions un line and leave luxury Optima Hampers your details. So call: to be won. A further 50



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Lang looks ready to back a national champion

Is Ian Lang about to surprise us all once lagain? Three months ago the Bass-Carlsberg Tetley deal stood about as much chance of carling the stood about as much chance of carling the stood about as much chance. of getting the nud as Hooper's Hooch replacing school milk. Now, however, the President of the Board of Trade hooks ready to allow a merger which would give Bass a near-40 per cent share of the UK hrewing market in return for a comparatively modest set.

At per cem share of the UK hrewing market in return for a comparatively modest set of divestment undertakings.

Consider what Mr Lang had to say about the desirability of such concentration of power as recently as May. The occasion was a utilities conference and his speech was mainly directed at the electricity and water mainly directed at the electricity and water mainly directed at the electricity and water industries but his comments could have applied equally to any sector. His words are worth repeating in full. "Some people argue that competition should not be my top priority, but that I should use my powers to encourage the creation of large utility companies which have the scale to compete in world markets. I believe that this argument world markets. I believe that this argument misses the point. It is not the place of competition policy to engineer the creation of so-called national champions. Of course we all want world-class companies, but the best prospect of a company becoming a successful global competitor is the experience of a demanding competitive market at

Now compare and contrast. Should Bass acquire Allied Domeq's half-share in Carlsbergy Tetley, then the merged group will supply nearly half the beer drunk in Britain's

nands of just two brewing groups.

Mr Lang, however, appears to have bought the argument that this does not mat-ter. It is true that the beer industry and the market it serves has undergone some fundamental changes in the last few years. Since 1990 the proportion of beer sold through puhs ned to hrewers has drooped from more than a half to under 40 per cent and is projected to fall further to 30 per cent by the end of the decade.

Large independent puh chains have emerged with real purchasing power to counter the dominance of the big hrewers while booze cruise imports from the Continent continue to thip away at traditional markets, so much so that the off-trade accounts for three times the volume of beer sales it did in 1980. The brewers have responded by closing nearly 10 millions barrels of capacity, virtually eliminating over-

The Buss lobbying machine has told the DTI that the Carlshery deal would enhance competition, not reduce it, by releasing Allied Domeq's 4,000 pubs from the tie with Carlsberg Telley. Bass has also let it be known that if it were able to consolidate at home then it could really get down to husiness by exploiting the burgeoning markets of China and eastern Europe where it

pubs and control four of the country's top 10 brands. Following Scottish & Newcastle's acquisition of courage last year nearly 70 per cent of the UK beer market will be in the looks suspiciously like responding favourably

Norwich Union must think again

It is several months since it became public knowledge that Norwich Union's investigation of a possible demutualisation and flotation in the first half of next year had firmed up into preliminary decision that it should go ahead. But the insurer is being a hit coy about admitting it publicly, before the formal announcement of the £4bn flotation, cheduled for October.

It is worried about carpet-baggers, as well as possible complaints from regulators that it is encouraging people to huy long-term policies for the wrong reasson, by hinting at short-term cash windfalls.

As a pre-emptive measure, the insurance group took powers at its annual meeting in May to set a cut-off date for membership. This was to prevent opportunist new members speculating on a £700-a-head average payment at the time of the flotation. In fact, the risk of a rush of new husiness, huilding society style, is quite small because the ownership profile of a mutual insurer is quite different from that of a building society.

Societies live off short-term deposits

nothing, because they might not win enough votes to win approval of the demutualisation.

A life insurance company has a different membership profile since many policyholders are long term by definition, and do not switch from company to company as rates change. So if the rewards of flotation are skewed heavily towards long-term holders there is less risk than with a building society that the conversion will be voted down.

Norwich's payout will almost certainly be structured to discriminate against carpetpaggers. Indeed, there is no reason why they should get anything at all. Scottish Equitable, for example, paid nothing to new policy-holders when it converted and sold out to Aegon, it is this long-term relationship between member and mutual society that distinguishes insurance companies from building societies.

The higger societies have already become almost indistinguishable, except perhaps in brand image, from retail hanks. A life insurer needs to make a far stronger case for losing the benefits of mutual ownership.

Ferranti's forgotten message

Along time ago a company called Ferranti, which does not now exist, bought an-

which are highly mobile. When they convert, they cannot afford to alienate recently Control, which no longer exists either, after enrolled members by paying them little or taking professional audit advice from KPMG. The business turned out to be constructed on a gigantic fraud and KPMG duly settled on a gigantic fraud and KPMG duly settled out of court on the advice of its insurers to the time of £40m. Why the history lesson, you may ask. Well, the accountancy profession's top disciplinary body has just got around to clearing KPMG of any professional failure on the grounds that ISC's founder. James Guerin, had duped everyone. You may think that seven years is a long time to wait only to hear that everyone is in the clear only to bear that everyone is in the clear. There are reasons for the delay. Micbael Chance, the solicitor who conducted the inquiry, only got to work on the case in June 1993 partly because the executive of the Joint Disciplinary Scheme have to wait for one of their sponsoring bodies, made up of the accountancy institutes to request an investi-

> All in all, it is an unsatisfactory state of affairs that has its roots in the professional bodies' determination to retain a regulatory role alongside their position as representatives of and lobbyists for their members. To be fair, investigations must be swift as well as thorough. In the interests of saving time and money, some truly powerful bodyshould be set up with the intention of investigating events and responsibility for them as soon as they occur. That way we might get the results of inquiries before we have forgotten what led to them.

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Formula 1 boss boosts empire at

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

Bernie Ecclestone, the undisputed king of Formula One

In a multi-million pound deal he is is understood to he planning to hulld a new factory on the site to re-house his company, Formula One Pro-



rights to televise races

motions, which makes elec-tronic gadgetry used to produce the dazzling on-board television pictures of Grand Prix races.

The impetus behind the pro-ject is thought to have been Mr motor racing and one of the highest-paid individuals in Britain is to expand his business compire at Biggin Hill, the historic Battle of Britain airbase.

The impetus behind the project is thought to have been Mr Ecclestone's on-going discussions with the satellite hroad-caster, BSkvB, aimed at expanding coverage of the inexpanding coverage of the increasingly popular sport with the advent of digital pay-TV next year. He owns and operates the Formula One Constructors Association which holds the highly lucrative rights to televise For-

Formula One Promotions. which designs and manufactures the camera systems which can send back pictures on racing cars at speeds of 200 miles per hour, has been hased at Biggin Hill Airport for several years, but is thought to have outgrown its existing building. Like Mr Ecclesione's other business interests the company keeps a low profile and no one was available for comment vesterday.

The negotiations have been taking place with Regional Air-ports, which leases Biggin Hill from Bromley Council and also



Right formula: Biggin Hill, the historic Battle of Britain airbase and home of Formula One Promotions

operates Southend Airport. The world-famous airfield is also home to Mr Ecclestone's

The deal is just one element in expansion plans for the site drawn up by Regional Airports, which recently opened a new air terminal at Biggin Hill and has spent £2m improving runway facilities. The company is believed to be engaged in complex negotiations to develop the ad-

RAF training centre. The airfield opened in 1914.

and reached its beyday during the Battle of Britain as me of the most important bases for Spitfires and Hurricanes. After RAF flights ceased in

1959, the site was split into two, with the civil airport run separately from the 30-acre West Camp, which became the main selection centre for RAF re-

jacent West Camp, a former cruits. The Ministry of Defence sold the West Camp in 1992 to Dan Graham, a Jersey proper-

ty developer. Buying the West Camp would enable Regional Airports to get its hands on some of the best facilities on the airfield, many of which are currently disused. including the main aircraft taxiway. Biggin Hill has become a popular venue for wealthy pri-

and at husy periods can see 500 aircraft movements a day.

But the ambitions of Mr Ecclestone and Regional Airports have brought them into conflict with Bromley Council, which is reviewing its development plan for Biggin Hill. Planners have insisted new building work must enhance or preserve the character of the area, which includes listed buildings, such as a 1930s

Westminster bidding falters on key issues

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

The hidding for Pearson's Westminister Press could be delayed by disagreements on three key issues, including the price to be paid for the group's stake in the Press Association, sources close to the negotiations said last night.

As a result, a deal in now unlikely to be reached in advance of Pearson's results next week.

The 9 per cent stake in PA is being valued at nil by at least one hidder, while Pearson is holding out for a significant valuation. The bidding and selling sides are also far apart as well on outstanding tax and pension issues, according to the sources.

The leading hidders are a consortium made up of Mirror Independent Newspapers and Newsquest, the regional newspaper group controlled by US buy-out specialists KKR. Two other bidders, thought to be been pressing for further r Trinity International and Northeliffe, the regional newspaper arm of Daily Mail & General Trust, are believed to

Final hids for Westminister Press were delivered to Pearson's advisers, Lazard Brothers, late last week. Pearson had hoped to realise as much as

have hid only for parts of the

gional titles, but the hidders have offered far less.

They are concerned that future profits may be far less than current year estimates, following severe cost-cutting in anticipation of the sale. The outstanding tax issues

er and the huyers, and could account for wide differences over the price Pearson expects and the offers on the table. "We haven't yet decided how much cash we can take out of the company, and what the tax implications are," a source at Pearson said.

are said to involve both the sell-

The PA valuation is "not a deal-breaking issue," said an insider at one of the hidders. "But there is clearly some difference of opinion.

A Pearson source conceded

Group and Tony O'Reilly's last night it was "very unlikely we can conclude a deal before The proposed sale has

cheered the City, which has been pressing for further restructuring at Pearson, the book, newspaper and electronic publishing giant. The company has been investing in television and multimedia companies, and gradually selling non-core husinesses. The regional newspaper operations were put up for sale a month ago, following a series of big disposals by other media groups of their

IN BRIEF

• Eurotunnel says its Le Shuttle service has for the first time carried more than 10.000 tourist vehicles in a 24-hour period – midnight to midnight on Saturday 27 July. Over the weekend, the total was 28.584 tourist vehicles (510 coaches), including the new record of 10,373 on Saturday. The company said 124 Eurostar trains also passed through the Channel Tunnel over the three days. A week ago, in carrying 26,698 tourist vehicles on Friday 19 July to Sunday 21 July, Le Shuttle had set a record of 9,740 tourist vehicles in a day on the Saturday.

 Custain says it has received acceptances for 43.5 per cent of the shares on offer under its restructuring, which means that Intria Berhad of Malaysia will end up with 40 per cent of the company. Under the restructuring Intria will be allotted 82.85 million new ordinary shares, as primary underwriter of the issue, and the balance of 4.86 million will go to Costain's banks. Following the issue Mohamed Abdulmohsin Kharafi & Sons of Kuwait will bold 19.1 per cent of Costain, and Raymond International will have another 12.1 per cent. The company expects that collectively its hank syndicate, which underwrote 46.7 per cent of the open offer, will be allotted 23 per cent of the share capital of the company.

· Volker Stevin of Holland and British Steel have reached agreement to set up a new venture, GrantRail, hased on an existing ment to set up a new venture. Grantran, nased on an existing partnership and combining the railway activities of Grant Lyon Eagre and Railbouw (UK). The new company, hased in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, is expected to have sales of 60m-70m guilders (£23m to £27m) in its first year, primarily focusing on the Englishment of £27m in its first year, primarily focusing on the Englishment of £27m. lish market, the companies said.

 ICI is selling its Australian diagnostics business, Silenus Laboratories, for an undisclosed sum to Amrad Operations. A spokeswoman for ICI said the sale would enable Silenus to prosper as part of a larger Australian biotechnology husiness and allow ICl to concentrate on its core strategic markets.

· lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, has accepted undertakings from Ibstock over its acquisition of the brick man-ufacturing husiness of Redland, and will not refer the deal to the ufacturing husiness of Rediand, and will not refer the deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The undertakings involve the sale of five manufacturing plants – Wealdon and Warnham in the South-east, Steerpoint in the South-west, and Eldon and Roddhills in the North-east. Ibstock will also need to ensure that the plants are run in the period before disposal as viable businesses and are sold as going concerns.

Select Industries is planning to buy GWB Holdings, a Hali-fax-based firm which specialises in acquiring and developing in-dustrial husinesses. The company said expects to conclude acquisition negotiations shortly.

• Real Time Control is closing its Warrington facility as part of ing share values.

a re-organisation of its service and support activities, which are also located in Watford and Northampton.

L'S West gripped the industry last February with plans to a re-organisation of its service and support activities, which are also located in Watford and Northampton.

 Kay's Food Group said its rights issue of 78.28 million ordinary shares at 2p each has been taken up by investors representing 24.84 million shares, equal to an acceptance level of only 31.

per cent. The remaining 53.44 million shares will be taken up by the underwriters of the issue.

Investigation clears KPMG over Ferranti

ROGER TRAPP

Auditors at accountancy firm KPMG who gave Ferranti International Signal a clean bill of health weeks before the discovery of frauds totalling £215m that led it to the brink of collapse have been cleared of any wrongdoing by the accountancy pro-

fession's top disciplinary body.
Michael Chance, executive
counsel of the Joint Disciplinary Scheme, said in his report published today that there was no case for the firm or any of its personnel to answer.

There was no scope for the uggestion that the auditors had been "faced with clear evidence of dishonesty and failed to pursue it", he said. His threeyear investigation had concluded that they were among those "comprehensively de-

DAVID USBORNE

What had promised to be the

biggest deal ever, involving Baby Bell telephone company

US West, and television cable

operator. Continental Cablevi-

sion, may falter because of shift-

purchase Cablevision in a cash

and stock deal worth \$5.3bn

(£3,4ba). It represented the

first major realignment after the

and liberalising telecommu-

passage by the US Congress of are quarterly earnings an-

ceived by a fraud which was designed and executed with extraordinary care and skill".

Two fictitious contracts - one for the United Arah Emirates and the other for Pakistan - had been created to deceive the accountants into accepting a cer-tain level of profit, he added. If Mr Chance had found that

there was a case to answer the KPMG partners - Alan Comber and Robert Ferguson -would have to go before a tri-hunal and could have faced barring from the Institute of Chartered Accountants and un-

limited fines. The inquiry, which was re-ferred to Mr Chance by the In-stitute in June 1993, stems from the takeover in November 1987 of International Signal and Control, a US-based defence contractor quoted on the Lon-

New share values jeopardise

US West-Continental merger

nications and allowing tele-phone companies for the first

ime to enter the cable husiness.

nies will be able to consumate

the merger in time for the

planned deadline for closing lat-

er this year have surfaced he-

cause of a recent dive in the

value of US West's Media

Group stock. The shares are

hovering just below \$17. down about 25 per cent from the

\$22.15 they were trading at

when the pact was announced.

nonnced by the Media Group

Further damaging prospects

Doubts that the two compa-

don Stock Exchange and headed by James Guerin, by UK electronics group Ferranti. KPMG - through its forerunner firm Peat Marwick Mitchell was auditor to ISC and became joint auditor to the new company. Ferranti International Signal, after the takeover.

The company became aware of serious concerns about the contracts at the centre of the investigation in August 1989 - a month after Peat Marwick and fellow auditor Grant Thornton signed off the accounts for the year to March 1989. Following a report from accountants Coop-ers & Lybrand, it sued KPMG for several hundred million pounds and settled out of court in August 1991 for £40m.

Mr Guerin was later jailed after he and others pleaded guilty to various charges of fraud.

last Friday. It reported its first

loss of \$11m, or three cents a

share, compared with a profit of

\$25m in the same quarter a year

Publicly, US West says it re-

mains committed to the trans-

action, however. "We like this

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'Which?' takes BT to Oftel

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

BT is guilty of giving false or misleading information to cable telephone customers in its effort to win back business, according to a report in Which? magazine published today.

The consumer rights magazine says BT may be in breach of its licence by telling customers, erroneously, that cable operators charge for engaged calls and directory listings and that calls made through BT are as cheap as those through cable companies.

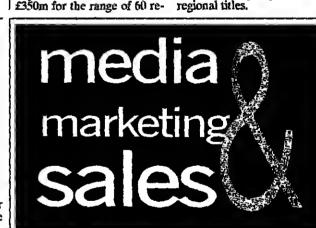
The report was based on 23 inquiries by researchers at Which? The conclusions are part of a complaint now with Oftel, the telcoms regulator.

"Our disturbing findings re-veal that BT could be flouting its licence and perhaps breaking competition laws too," Andrew McIllwraith, senior editor of Which?, said.

Oftel said vesterday: "We will investigate it. These are serious matters, and resources will be made available to come to a conclusion as soon as possible." BT rejected the report. "We deal with 3 million such inquiries every working day, and the Consumers Association is talking about just 23. More

than 10,000 people are engaged in doing just this work."
The spokesman added that

"if mistakes were made they were genuine. We do not set out to deliberately mislead." The allegations come at sensitive time for BT, which this week must decide whether to accept Oftel's proposals for new competition powers in return for a relaxation of price controls.



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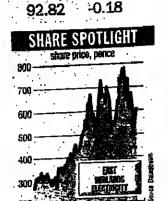
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Thin trade as City waits for Clarke's monthly meeting

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Investors were largely side- raise money from institutional lined ahead of tomorrow's investors to fund the cost of monthly meeting between the Chancellor, Ken Clarke, and Governor of the Bank of England Eddie George, and the in-dex of leading 100 shares traded in a narrow 10-point range, closing 5.5 points high-

er at 3978.8 in thin trade. With little else to distract them, traders attention predictably turned to football and Newcastle United's audacious £15m swoop for Blackburn Rovers and England striker

Alan Shearer. The deal, a world record transfer fee, could have important implications for New- had httle impact on Manchescastle's plans to seek a stock market listing possibly by the edd of this year, which could blocked by the Blackburn

value the club at £160m. The City seemed split about the impact of Shearer's move on the flotation. Some analysts reckoned the signing would be

building a larger stadium across the Tyne. The far riskier investment in Shearer, the argument goes, is hest left to majority shareholder and New-

castle chairman Sir John Hall. Others were less sure. "Newcastle are paying £3m a year plus a salary for a player who will be worthless in five years, said analyst Paul Wedge at Collins Stewart. "It will mean Newcastle reporting a massive loss this year. I don't know how you can say that is a good deal."

News of Shearer's decision board. Shares in the Old Trafford club, who remain warm. favourites to retain their Premier League title, added 3p to 431p. Elsewhere in the leisure



MARKET REPORT PATRICK TOOHER

Media, which climbed 11p to

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NatWest upgraded its recom-

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the latter 5p lower at 393p.

ed confirmation that brewer Bass was in talks with food and drinks group Allied Domecq about buying a 50 per cent stake in Carlsberg-Tetley, the Anglo-Danish brewing busi-ness. More news about the £200m deal, which would retalks to buy exhibitions group Blenheim, but the lack of any store Bass as Britain's biggest beer maker, is expected on Thursday. Bass put oo 4p to 781, while Allied Domecq ended 6p higher at 429p, making it the third-best Footsie performer of the day.

More fun should be had this

week if Whitbread, up 2p at 689p, unveils plans to expand its themed restaurant activities with a bid for Pelican, unate a powerful Scottish multimedia group and act as useful bedge against any potential revenue damage from Channel Five, which is due to go on air next year. Scottish rose 9p to

Meanwhile Border Television was the subject of a Top slot among the blue chips went United News & "strong buy" oote from Greig Middleton. Stripping out Border's cash and the value of 649p on bopes that the comwholly-owned subsidiary Century Radio, the broker reckons newspaper publisher Westthe shares - unchanged yesminster Press from Pearson. terday at 269p - stand on a United has been involved in prospective p/e ratio of just 13, a very large discount to the rest of the sector

Epic Multimedia continued its remarkable run after announcing a major distribution deal for an action adventure game called Endgame with GTE, a world-wide publisher of digital entertainment. GTE will pay advances of about \$1 m to complete production of the Eodgame title, as well as

potential further royalties on future sales. AIM-listed Epic jumped op to 90p after 100p. Shares in the remaining regional electricity companies

this week confirm a £1.4bn approach from a US suitor, possibly Houston Industries, gave the shares an added buzz. They closed 28p ahead at 608p, valuing East Midlands at £1.15bn. Also in demand was Xorkshire Electricity, 11p up at

683p.
The decision on Friday by Psion, maker of the electronic personal organiser, to withdraw its 200p a share bid for consumer electronics group Amstrad continued to have a negative impact. Amstrad fell 6p to 154p while Psioo was 20p weaker at 403p.

Printed circuit board manufacturer Kode International slid 16p to 94p after a 68 per cent setback at the half-way mark.

Shire Pharmaceuticals adupbeat progress report on its treatment for patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease. The news came in the ports that East Midlands will interim results of a major oned at a key international meeting in Japan. Shire also reported "significant progress" by all its other businesses since flotation in February.

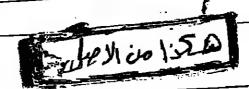
Data Systems International was requoted 17p lower at 138p after its reverse takeover of Standard Platforms, the loss-making documeot imaging group. DSL, which trades as Action Computer Supplies, intends to concentrate on selling information technology products through mail order and recently signed a £5m deal with local authorities worth about 5 per cent of annual turnover.

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The time has come for people who need people

What have Alan Shearer and Elizabeth Hurley got in common? The answer is intellectual capital. This strange commodity comes in many forms, but few can be as dramatic as the revelation yesterday that England striker Alan Shearer is worth £15m to Newcastle United -or that Elizabeth Hurley is tipped to be the new Julia Roberts. More

of that later - first. Alan Shearer. The talents of the workforce of most companies may not be as evident as those of footballers, but other businesses are increasingly coming to resemble foothall clubs in the sense that their two main assets are a brand name and the intellectual capital of the people who work for them. In the last 10 years there have been considerable efforts to measure the value of hrand names and to grow and develop these. By contrast, the study of companies intellectual capital is woefully thin: companies have hardly begun to measure the value of the intellectual assets locked up in the heads of their staff, let alone develop plans to ex-

tract more of this value. Instead they regard the specialist skills of talented people as somethiog they have to acquire, paying whatever the market rate requires. You cao see this very obviously in areas like investment banking, or in Hollywood: the star system in both areas has become much more like football. But of course a policy of just paying the going rate and hoping to retain staff that way runs into grave problems. For a start the rate is bid up and up, leaving less and less of the added value available to sharebolders. When firms are successful rather th quently



ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH MCRAE

corner to a competitor. And in any case these experts often have a different agenda from the conventional hierarchical managers. They do not necessarily want the rewards that corporations by force of habit

As a result a few of the more thoughtful companies have been seeking to develop the intellectual capital of their staff and a few of the more forward-looking management

of skills they go out into the mar-ketplace to buy these. Suppose instead they were to measure what they had already; then see how what these skills had might be transmitted within the company; and theo apply best practice across the entire group. Do this and the firms might well find they did not need to buy in so many skills, for they would in-stead be able to generate the skills

'Picking talent is more an art than a science and basically needs a good eye; managing talent is common sense'

theorists have been trying to help them work out how to do so. As might be expected for any movement which is still in its infancy there is as yet no rule book, no manual on how to manage knowledge. But gradually the literature is amassing. For example early next year Cambridge University Press will bring out a book, Managing Knowledge, by Professor Keith Bradley of the Open University Business School, which will look in particular at the supply side of intellectual capital: how companies can measure it, extract

it, and develop it. A key point here is the present no-

That might seem a very simple example, and it is, But until a company knows what skills it has, it cannot begin to develop these.

There is a further advantage. The more it knows what it bas, the less likely it is to suffer what Professor Bradley calls a "punctuated hreak". a sudden discontinuity where a group of skilled people up and leave. The financial services industry in particular scems to suffer from the punctuated hreak. The more attention that investment banks put into valuing their buman assets the less likely they are to ex-

perience this.

hierarchical company, where knowledge and authority is with the chief executive and the directors, has become less and less relevant.

Many industries, Professor Bradley argues, are likely to become more like the US entertainments industry, where the stars are the key commodity and the studies do an assembly job of hringing together a range of different skills to make a picture. This is very complicated. It looks as though Elizabeth Hurley will star in the sequel to Pretty Woman - be the oew Julia Roberts, so to speak - but the choice will bring benefit not just to her but also generate publicity for the other vectures in which she is involved, most oo-

tably Estee Lauder cosmetics. Indeed if you look at the Hollywood model for business and assume that this will become much more dominant in other businesses, it seems clear that two groups of people are going to become more important. One is portfolio managers,

the other, the agents. Portfolio management usually conjures up the image of an invest-ment trust or a pension fund. But in the case of Hollywood, when the big studios are putting together the fi-nance and the team for a film that nance and the team for a film that is very much what they are doing. They make a series of investmeous - say 30 a year - into which they pop some money; but a lot of their skill lies in laying off the risk as far as pos-

sible by picking appropriate partners.

They also have to hire appropriate skills, and here is where the agents come in. It is not just a ques-tion of buying what is in the window.

is only one aspect of handling human capital. For pure people businesses the woole notion of the very complex task of a whole series of ageots is to match supply and demand: to enable the skilled people to extract the maximum they can for those skills, but also to assist the studios in picking the appropriate tal-ent - picking the best bargain.

Managing people businesses is much more complex than managing asset businesses. In the case of a football club the scale is sufficiently small to be able to be run by a couple of talented people. Picking talent is perhaps more an art than a science and basically oeeds a good eye; managing talent is pretty much common sense. But managing larg-er people businesses is, as the investment banks have found, far more complicated and dangerous. Both foothall clubs and investment banks are to some extent protected by their brand names, but if the people side goes wrong the value of the

brand collapses.

So what should a people business, worried that it is about to face one of Professor Bradley's "punctuated breaks" do? First and most obviously it should start to measure and assess its buman capital, and theo see what should be done not just to re-tain that capital, but rather to increase the value and extract it for the company. But that is only the start. I suspect there is a second and even more difficult task, which is to look at the way it huys the skills. Should these be bought to on cootract, using a network of agencies to select

those most appropriate?
As for Alan Sbearer, he can expect a string of calls from agencies anxious to help him maximise his no potential for years to come.



Pretty Woman: Elizabeth Hurley's casting as the new Julia Roberts will also generate publicity for her other ventures

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FIRST TEST: England in rapid collapse as devastating post-lunch assault secures Pakistan victory

Wagar and Mushtaq's lethal blow

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Lord's Pakistan 340 & 352-2dec England 285 & 243 Pakistan win by 164 runs

It was brutal and when the end came h was brief too. England's hatting was reduced to tatters by the bowling of Mushtaq Ahmed and Waqar Younis, a of leg-hreaks and late reverse inswingers. In a dramatic collapse, that rivalled England's 46 all out in Trinidad three winters ago, England lost nine wickets for 75 runs in 29 overs, a prostration that gave Pakistan crucial first blood in this Cornhill Test

It was an afternoon that will come to haunt England, for it showed that despite the new energy, old frailties had not trav-elled far. To lose nine wickets so quickly rarely happens in any circumstance, let alone when a team is 152 for 1, as England were 15 minutes after lunch.

It was probably the worst moment of Michael Atherton's career as captain, if only because it was a game that England ought to have saved, In a cruel

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Derbysbire v Kent

Final day of four

Kent won toss

County Championship

DERBY: Derbyshire (8pts) drew with

KENT - First Innings 445 (M V Reming 116, N J Llong 116, C L Hooper 103; D E Malcolm 5-116).

DERBYSHIRE - First Innings 292 (I' J G O'Gorman 62, C M Wels 52; D W Headley

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J H Hampshire.

CARDIFF: Glamorgan (22pts) beat Lan-cashire (7) by 48 runs.

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Glamorgan v Lancashire

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N I Speak c Shaw b Cosker

Total (54.1 overs)

NERRYSHIRE - Second Inning

undouhtedly Mushtaq and Waqar, who shared nine of England's second innings wickets between them. Mushtaq at one stage took 5 for 11, his wrist spin gripping and snarling as it hit huge chunks out of Eng-land's frail batting.

It was an unusual pairing, but with the captain, Wasim Akram, struggling to generate his usu al pace and swing, someone had take responsibility. This Mushtaq duly did when he switched his attack to round the wicket after lunch. The tactic was a brave one, particularly as it reduced the effectiveness of the googly, Mushtaq's best ball against right-handers. However, it showed that a winter spent watching Shane Warne in opposition had not been a fallow one, and all but the last of his wickets were taken with leg-hreaks using the Warne tactic of bowling into the rough.

Ironically, it was probably not a tactic the diminutive leg-spinner would have persevered with for long, given that England had not fallen for it. But Atherton, opting to turn the ball to leg in-stead of padding it away, offered a slip catch that woke a shunbering giant. Pakistan were trans-formed from a team hickering twist of irony, it was Atherton's over a wicketless first session, into dismissal that opened the door. a unit surging forward with re-For Pakistan, the heroes were newed hope and enthusiasm.

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Fall; 1-40, 2-84, 3-128, 4-139, 5-143, 6-149, 7-150, 8-187, 9-237.

Bowling: Watkin 11-0-54-1; Gluson 7-0-54-0; Butcher 3-0-13-0; Cosker 16-4-60-4; Croft 17.1-6-47-5.

SOUTHAMPTON: Surrey (23pts) beat Hampshire (8) by five wickets.

HAMPSHIRE - First Innings 359 (J P Stephenson 61, V P Terry 57, R A Smith 54; M P Bicknell 4-64).

SURREY - First landings 331 (A.J. Hollowice 83, M. A. Butcher 58).

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Total (for 5, 53.1 overs) _______232 Falt 1-58, 2-116, 3-120, 4-120, 5-315.

Did not bat: †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, J E Benjamin, R M Pearson.

Bowling: Milburn 9-0-71-0; Bowll 5-1-23-0; Stephenson 10.1-0-59-2; James 3-0-12-0; Udal 14-0-83-1; Maru

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T Whitehead

Leicestershire v Sussex

J D Ratciffe lbw b Lidal

James 3-0-12-2-69-1

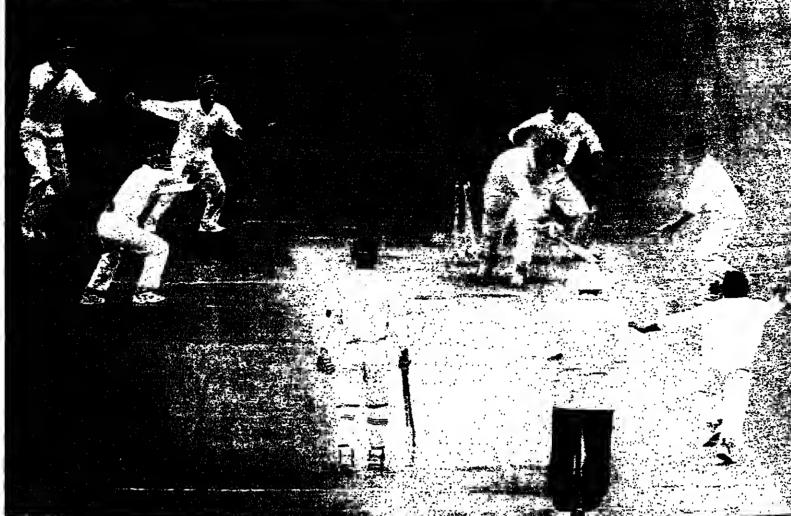
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Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer

Hampshire v Surrey

Lord's scoreboard



Pakistan celebrate as Mark Ealham is bowled by Mushtaq Ahmed after only 11 minutes at the crease at Lord's yesterday

It was without doubt the turning point of the game. Be-fore their captain's misjudgement, England were so confident of saving the game that several of them frolicked in the nets. But if the 154-run partnership Atherton had shared with Alec Stewart caused them to relax, it was a big mistake and it was not long before tracksuits and T-shirts were swapped for

In fact, panic station would have started to sound in Mushtaq's next over, when he got Alec Stewart for a staunch 89. Stewart's dismissal, caught by silly point from a ball that bounced viciously out of the rough on to thigh pad and then glove, was a desperately unlucky one. It showed why Dermot Reeve had taken to throwing away his bat, when

against Hampshire earlier in the

If it was all Mushtaq until then, Waqar's chance came with the arrival of Graeme Hick. Actually, Hick was fortunate to get down to the fast bowler's end at all, the batsman lucky to survive screaming appeals after gloving his second ball, a googly from Mushtaq, to Shadab Kahir at short leg. If umpire Steve Bucknor's

decision was just another poor one in a game full of them, there could be no disputing Hick's dismissal four balls later when Waqar ripped an inswinging half-volley into his

It is difficult to he too hard on Hick, for Waqar has suc-cessfully performed this par-ticular party trick countless times before. Coming in cold against a ball swinging fast and

sider him again this season. Only Graeme Thorpe and Ian Salishury. with a heartily struck 40. were briefly able to hold up the steamroller once it had gained momentum. The Surrey man, England's topscorer in the first innings, batted an hour for three, before he became another poor umpiring art well set, "we were a little desstatistic, after being adjudged lbw to a vicious leg-break that perate". But, he added, "we knew we needed one or two bounced too high to have hit the wickets in one or two overs and

late is a difficult husiness, but

it is one Hick ought to have steeled himself against.

Alas in Hick's case fore-

warned is not necessarily fore-

armed. His airy drive was not

the stroke of a man in a posi-

tive frame of mind, and for the

batsman's sake as much as any-

thing, England should not con-

we'd be among the lower order batsmen. That's exactly what we With 8 for 154 in the match, Waqar Younis was made Man of the Match. Before this game "Mushtaq bowled brilliantly," Wasim said. "Waqar I don't have his form and fitness had been to mention anything. He's a world-class bowler and he came patchy, but now the secret is out and England will know what back into his rhythm at a cruthey have to contend with if they cial moment." This in spite of are to level the series at Heada hamstring injury. "It was sore but I put ice on it," Waqar said. ingley in a fortnight's time. However, as Hick's rapid exit England's wounds may take a showed, knowing about it is one thing, playing it, quite another.

Broncos complete Offiah signing

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Martin Offiah became a London Broncos player vesterday. despite a hold-up in the part of the deal that will also take him to Bedford. London paid Wigan an undisclosed fee and registered Offiah's signing and will have the winger in their side against Warrington on Sunday, Barry Maranta, the club's chairman, said.

"The only hold-up is in negotiations between Bedford and News Limited," Maranta said. Martin is on a Super League contract and cannot play for any-

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one without their agreement.
That clause in the Super
League contracts that several dozen top players have signed

- a clause revealed in this
newspaper last year - could also
have a say in the future of lessie.

The Warrington and Wales stand-off has been transferlisted at £1.35m and his coach, John Dorahy, says that there have been approaches from rugby union clubs undeterred by that massive asking price.
But even if Warrington goi

the fee they want, Harris who describes the price as "nonsense" - would not be allowed to leave without News Limited's

The only way in which it is possible to imagine that permission being granted is for an Offiah-style share arrangement involving a Welsh rugby union club and the new South Wales

Super League side. St Helens expect Scott Gibbs to play his last match for them at Castleford on Friday, despite his having been transferred hack to Swansea for £200,000 yesterday. Saints could be in greater than ever need of his services, as Paul Newlove and Alan Hunte are both doubtful with injuries picked up in London at the weekend.

They already fear that they could be without their Great Britain forward, Chris Joynt, for the rest of the season with an ankle ligament injury.

Scots urged to expand district game

Rugby Union

The game in Scotland has been given a vision of the future with the publication of a report that spells out what the country must do to remain competitive in the new professional game.

At the core of the report is the admission that the club structure in Scotland cannot deliver success at international level and that attention must turn

to strengthening the districts. The report, drawn up by the Scottish Rugby Football Union, recommends that the districts should turn professional. "We do not have the financial or player resources of other countries," said the SRFU president, Fred McLeod, yesterday. "Success at international level de-

pends on district participation. The report says the SRFU should finance up to 100 fulltime players. They would play a programme of representative matches throughout the season hut would still be available for their clubs. The union would establish a list of fixtures to include six inter-district matches, at least eight European Cup games, development squad, A and full international matches.

It has been suggested that top international players would be able to earn about £80,000 while those at the other end of the representative scale could make £15,000 to £20,000 in a season.

Lloyd looks on the bright side

SIMON O'HAGAN

Even if David Lloyd's parachute failed to open you feel sure he would find a straw to clutch at somewhere in the ether. A belief in looking on the bright side runs so deep in the England coach that when he was asked to continuent on the collapse that saw England go from 168 for 1 16:243 all jour in 29 overs, he saidn it thought Ian Salisbury played pretty well, and Simon Brown hung about at the end."

By then, however, Lloyd's

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Fell continued: 5-127, 6-127, 7-132, 8-132, 9-150.

Bowling: Parsons 17-5-45-1; Simmons 24-8-70-4; Wells 6-4-9-0; Brimson 10.3-3-12-5; Millns 3-0-10-0.

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(1995 positions in brackets)

Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

cricket" had been blown to pieces by Mushtaq Ahmed and Waqar Younis. "We were on the run," he said. "It was a classic case of one wicket brings two

Mike Atherton apportioned no blame other than to himself. "It happens sometimes that couple," the England captain said. "That's why you don't

play a poor shot when you re in. " We were confident of saving the game both at the start of the innings and at lunch. It was a captain, admitted that at lunch, cherished ideal of "session game I'd hoped to save, with Atherton and Alec Stew-

Final day of four

Notts v South Africa A

TRENT BRIDGE: Match drawn. SOUTH AFRICA A - First Innings 456 (

H Gibbs 95, N Pothes 90, L Klusener 79, H O Ackerman 66, O N Crookes 59; J A Af-ford 4-66, R J Chapman 4-109).

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Second XI Championship

First day of three (11.0 today): Clevedor.
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278 (C Clark 103, S E Brinkley 53): Lecestershire 0 for 1. Marske-by-the-Ses; Yorkshire 31 for 4 v Hampshire. Moseley CC:
Warwickshire 227 (M J Powell 108):
Worcestershire 57-1.

NATWEST TROPHY QUARTER-FINALS (one day, 10.30): Hove: Sussex v Yorkshire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Essex. The Outsi Sussex v Care of the County Sussex v Care o

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (two days, 11.0): Derchester: Derset v Cheshire. Lefambare: Norfolk v Northumberland. Leominster (Dales): Herefordshire v Con-wall. Reading: Berkshire v Devon.

G F Archer retd hurt.

Total (for 2, 49 overs)

Starting today

Pall: 1-45, 2-139.

Whether we should have sayed it or not is neither here nor

"For the five days the Pakistanis played the better cricket and got into a position to win the match, and they won it with a killer blow on the last afternoon. It's disappointing for us, but that happens - it's not a criminal offence. But it's one match down with two to go and we'll be hoping to come backstrongly at Headingley."

Wasim Akram, the Pakistan

Championship contenders frustrated

MIKE CAREY

reports from Derby Kent 445 & 245 Derbyshire 292 & 162-5 Match drawn

Frustration was the name of the game for Kent yesterday. With a victory and maximum points beckoning if they could capture the last five Derbyshire wickets, they were restricted to a mere 11 overs and what had been a highly entertaining game was abandoned as a watery draw.

But even the 55 minutes that it took Kent to bowl those overs were crammed with incident with Martin McCague first dam-aging the helmet of the nightwatchman with a short-pitched delivery and then collecting a warning for howling - accidentally - a beamer next ball.

If Harris was disconcerted by the first ball, he was visibly shaken by the second which whistled past his nose very rapidly. He needed some time to compose himself, but McCague, who had been warned earlier in the innings for bowling two bouncers in one over, was quick to

Hollioake leads Surrey to the top

Round-up

Acting captain Adam Hollioake and Nadeem Shahid each hit centuries as Surrey beat Hampshire by five wickets at Southampton to go joint top of the Championship table yesterday.

Surrey were set a target of 330 in 54 overs and they accomplished their task with five halls to spare. Shahid and Hollioake came together with Surrey halted in their quest by losing two wickets in consecutive overs to reach 119 for 4. But then, with growing con-

fidence, they saw off the Hampshire bowling with a stand of 195 in only 28 overs for the fifth wicket. Shahid was eventually bowled by John Stephenson after hitting 101 from only 95 balls. But Hollioake was still there when Brendon Julian hit the winning runs off the first ball of the last over. Hollioake hit four sixes and seven fours from only 93 halls as Hampshire be-

came more ragged in the field. Earlier Hampshire resumed 178 ahead at 150 for 4 in their second innings and were able to declare after Rohin Smith and Paul Terry had put on 154 for out at the declaration and Smith unbeaten with 70 to set up a difficult run chase.

Surrey lost Darren Bicknell to Stephenson at 58 and Jason Ratcliffe was lbw to Shaun Udal at 115, the first of three wickets to fall for four runs. Mark Butcher was run out after an enterprising 53 and Surrey's hopes receded still further when Alistair Brown was out first ball to a brilliant catch at short midwicket by Terry off Raj Maru.

Spinners Robert Croft and 18-year-old Dean Cosker sent Glamorgan to a 48-run win over Lancashire in Cardiff, only their third Championship victory of the season.

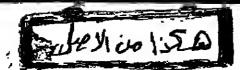
Lancashire, chasing 287 to win when Matthew Maynard declared at Saturday's 259 for 3 after rain had prevented any play until 2.15pm, tooked untroubled at 128 for 2 but subsided to 238 all out.

Croft and Cosker, the latter in the England Under-19 squad for the three-Test series against New Zealand which begins on Thursday, turned the game in a mid-innings spell that saw Croft finish with 5 for 47 and Cosker 4 for 60.

Four of the best teams in the country will lose the NatWest Trophy today.

If only the best teams are good enough to reach the Quarter-Finals of the NatWest Trophy, just imagine how good a team has to be to reach the Semi-Finals

NatWest More than just a bank



I heard it was very quiet in the grandstands after I beat Schumacher's time, but it wasn't quiet in my cockpit

Grand Prix, I had dinner with Gerhard Berger. We had a good chat about many things and Gerhard mentioned that he was a hit down hecause things had not been going so well for him and he didn't hold out much hope of winning a race

this season. I remembered this conversation white we were lighting for the lead last Sunday, and I knew that there was no way Burger was about to give up this opportunity to win.

It was a tremendous battle which ended when Berger's engine failed with three laps to go, leaving me clear to score my seventh win of the season. I was giving it everything, but will never know whether I would have been able to pass the Benetton.

Regardless, I must compli-

which enabled me to be in such a chattenging position after making another poor start.
There's no way I would call

my start an impressive one, but it was still better than Silverstone! At the start in Silver-stone, too much wheelspin resulted in losing valuable places. At Hockenheim, I hardy had any wheelspin and the revs dropped too low, resulting in too little acceleration.

There's a very fine line be-ween a perfect start and a poor wasn't quiet in the cockpit. tween a perfect start and a poor start. I have to work hard with my engineers to give me what I need to make a perfect start every time. I do not want to in the carly stages of the race waste a pole position advantage as I held third place behind the with a bad start.

The annoying thing was I wasted a pole position from one of the most exciting qualifying sessions I can remember, I had ment the teamwork within been furious with myself for once and our plans would

by making a slight error in the final section of my third qualifying run. I was telling myself everything would be OK if I just completed a nice neat lap. I did exactly that and I could see from the read-out on the dashboard that it was a good lap time. I knew I had heaten Michael Schumacher's time, 1 was eestatic and I punched the air with delight. I heard it was very quiet in the grandstands af-

There was a fair amount of talking going on between myself and my team on the pit wall Benetions, and we worked out a strategy which would allow me to attack in the final stages. I planned to stop twice (Berger, as it turned out, would stop just



have been perfect had things gone a little better in the mid-

phase of the race. I had the misfortune to cutch back-marker just as we reached one of the chicanes at a time when vellow warning

flugs were showing. It is for-

lows and the back-marker was painfully slow as he made his way through the chicane. That alone cost me about three sec-

When you consider that I lat er came out from my pit-stop two seconds behind Berger, it is easy to see how much small setbacks during a race can make all the difference between winning and losing. In the meantime. I was now embroiled in a tremendous scrap for the lead.

I had the thought in the hack of my mind that I had to finish, but I certainly intended to give Berger a go and try and push him into making a mis-take. Because we both had Renault engines and our cars were running the minimum amount of downforce on this very fast circuit, we were running at exactly the same speed hidden to pass under the yel- on the straight.

to block me at the right time. Once or twice he made small errors while comering, hut he would recover and drive in the middle of the track, waiting to see which way I was going. Then he would simply move across and destroy my opportunity to

He wanted to win, no question about that and he did everything in his power to keep me back. I didn't think he would do anything silly. But you just can't tell - racing drivers can be unpredictable characters when the chips are down!

Coming out of one of the chicanes, I suddenly heard a strange mistire, but because I was so close to the Benetton, it was impossible to tell which engine it was. I thought for a moment it might be mine. Then I realised it was Berger. Ger-

3.50 KING GEORGE STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £40,000 added 5f Penalty Value £27,680

FORM GUIDE:

EVENIMGPERFORMANCE has bistering early pass and, triang hall advantage of the best of the draw, made all at Sandown (good to soft), though holding off Venture Capitolist by only half at length, Herry Candy's make will be for happier on this sharp track and holds Credit Pool (third, bestion three and a half lengths and 20 worse off) and Braws Edge (eighth) on Esher numme, Executingsenformance, second to Hever Golf Rose in this a year ago being proped in the drings strides after lending as the furting pois meets this rivel on 2th bestier terms. The selection wound up 1895 with a third in the Pric de l'Aubeye and did not num up to her best when memaging only 10th of 11 behind Pooloi in the Mings Stand Standes of Rosei Ascot, with Albridge Wird, Hever Golf Rosei touth and Lucky Lloned for first-time Miners here) 12th of 17, However, Eventagenthomerate is blearly back on song and can sweene Royal Ascot, curring although the lins insider, Ametit, who is tried in a visor, might run her close. Lucky Partiess, who inched our Amending Bay at Chester, is another who will be in her elegant over this sharp five hirlongs. Selection: EVENINGPERFORMANCE

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FORM GUIDE

Contraction bids to add this to her impressible tably after looking better than ever in storming nome by four lengths in similar grade at York (6f). Seven furiongs is no problem for Bryth Pating's charge and she should not her usual honest race. However, this should go to DAW!

Not, who has yet to run a bad race, winding at Yarmoouth (madeen), following our or the List-ad Fern Hid Handicap at Ascot and running a close fourth to the smart French tably sheaten

ed Fern Hall Handicap at Ascot and running a close outro to the smart French may Scrispion in the Group Two Fathouth Stakes at Newmarket, May Brancia could be a threat on the form the showed when fourth behind Books Shean in the 1,000 Guineas and third to Mathya in the irish equivalent, beaten little more than three lengths each time. She teled to make the fixing for the first turns when one of the isocurities and eighth of 1,5 to Lucayan Phince in the Jossy Stakes at Royal Ascot. Thriffing Day is back to the same trip as for his Main Gwyn Stakes win after beating only one home behind Ventura Capitalics over six at York and against Shake The Yoka in the mile Coronation Stakes.

Selection: DAWNA

5.00 EVENING STANDARD NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £8,220

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1965: April The Eight 2 9 T M Hole 100-30 IS Hele 10 an POUNG BIGHTS can Make Stamper (received 40b) to half a length in the 14-runner Westberrby Super Sales Sprint at Newbury with some good winners in arream. Maildaber rates a timest getting 120b now that he reverts to six after apparently failing to last home when a timest getting 120b now that he reverts to six after apparently failing to last home when a doesn-length sith of 6 to Reconcide over seven furloags in Newmarks. Before that he won wild over today's trip at the same track. Parewell My Love finished a head second to Miss Stamper today's trip at the same track. Parewell My Love finished a head second to Miss Stamper ser five betting of Young Bigwig getting 120b but this could prove misteading with kits Stamper having progressed to score at the Berishine course. Even so, Paul Cole's 6illy should improve further herself and is sepected to be in at the finish. So, Inc, is Cavistr Royale, who was up against it when fifth behind Dazzle in the Windoor Castle Stakes of Royal Accord with Affected and of this time bifires here) and the subsequent Musselburgh without Bright's Repetited eighth and last of 10 respectively. Selection: YOUNG BIGWIG

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I moved to the extreme right, because I knew what was going to happen next. Sure enough, the guts of the engine began to pour out of the back of the Benetion. I managed to avoid getting drenched in engine oil. There was so much of it that I would definitely have spun off

and I darred to the right. With my team-mate, Jacques finishing third, we are now in a very strong position in the con-structors' championship. structors' Jacques, of course, remains my rival for the drivers' title. Last Sunday's result has gone some way towards restoring the advantage I had before Silverstone. But there are five races to go and I am definitely not counting any chickens at this stage. I'm ready for anything

and I am simply going to try and keep racking up the wins. O Domon Hill Grand Prix Ltd.

Berger is 28 driving force at **Benetton**

Motor racing DERICK ALLSOP reports from Hockenheim

The enduring optimism within the Benetton-Renault camp, or at least that sustained by their irrepressible boss, has encouraged them to look on the hright side of life all through a difficult season. Over the weekend here, Flavio Briatore was proclaiming: "If we can't be world champions for racing this year,

we are for our pasta."
Few would challenge him on that score. By the end of the German Grand Prix, however, motor racing was securely back on the menu. But for an engine failure less than three laps from the end, Gerhard Berger would almost certainly have served up the team's first win since Mi-chael Schumacher departed to that other Italian establishment.

Benetton are resigned to losing their drivers' and construc-tors' titles to Williams-Renault, yet would be hugely consoled if they beat Schumacher and Ferrari. Jean Alesi's second place on Sunday lifted him above the reigning champion and into third place in the drivers' standings, and the team nine points clear of Ferrari.

The immediate post-Schumacher period was even more problematical than anyone at Benetton had envisaged: Alesi and Berger took time to settle in the new environment, the team took time to come to

terms with their loss. Although the drivers had two-year contracts, both were said, at various stages, to be in danger of losing their jobs. Bri-atore insisted he wanted stability and continuity rather than more change, and gradually the drivers responded. Alesi, mercurial and emotional, suddenly found the self-discipline and consistency to assert himself.

For Berger, the process was longer and more frustrating. He was not at ease with the capri-cious car, and it showed. Then came Silverstone and the weekend when, Briatore contends, "Gerhard woke up". A solid sec-ond place restored his belief.

Disappointing as the Hockenheim race was, Benetton had cause for satisfaction. "Breakages are part of Formula One and it was our turn bere tore said, "but Gerbard has demonstrated that our team has resolved the numerous problems and we can at last aim for vic-

toty." Berger's dismay was shared by many within the Formula One community. This most experienced, respected and popular of current drivers last won a grand prix two years ago on this circuit, and some of his close associates have expressed the wish that Berger would call it a day. The Austrian, almost 37, has never won the championship hut has acquired con-siderable wealth from the sport and knows better than anyone he has had his share of lucky escapes. Now he also sees the prospect of adding to his nine victories, and possibly even competing for the champi-

onship next year. I have the feeling that this last week had completed our rise and a victory would have crowned all the hard work of the team to overcome a difficult situation," Berger said. "But at least we have proved we can be competitive, and for me it is an important step. I have said all along that I had no real confidence in the car to start with. At the beginning of the year it was zero. Before this race it was up to 50 per cent. Now it can

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keep going up."

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Formula One Dream Team See this Thursday's Independent for the latest results and scores following the German Grand Prix Pentire joins class exodus to Japan

Racing **GREG WOOD**

When Pentire won the King George VI and Queen Eliza-beth Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, it was accepted that he had prohably run his last race in Britain, and that he would com-

picte his competitive career

hasing the rich autumn prizes in France and North America. What many racegoers will find harder to digest, however, is yesterday's announcement that his offspring too will do their racing elsewhere. Pentire was the day's other big-money transfer, and like the last five Derby winners, the colt has been sold to stand at a Japanese stud. Both he and his descendants will be lost to the

British breeding industry. In a statement, John Ferguson, racing manager to Mollers Racing, Pentire's owners, said: Terms have been agreed for Pentire's sale to the Shadai Group for an undisclosed sum. He will continue to race Breeders' Cup and Japan Cup as his main targets. He will still be trained by Geoff Wragg."

This last piece of information was greeted with understandable warmth at Wragg's stable. raced White Muzzle in Europe a couple of years ago.

purchase when he was bought for 54,000gns at Newmarket in 1993. As a three-year-old, he won six Pattern races and was beaten a neck by Lammtarra in the King George. The horse who beat him that day is another recent recruit to Japan, while his neighbours at Shadai Stud will include Dr Devious, the 1992

Derby winner, and Tony Bin, who took the Are in 1988. A life of pampered luxury in the Far East is a more distant

RICHARD EDMONDSON **NAP: Serendipity** (Goodwood 2.15) NB: Special Dawn

(Goodwood 3.20)

prospect for the runners in this afternoon's Gordon Stakes, one of the feature events on the first of five days at Glorious Goodwood. This race is almost a repechage for three-year-olds whose Classic season has gone awry, and while most may be throughout 1995 with the Arc, condemned to the "has-been" file by this evening, for one this

of horses which seemed to be a switchback track such as this. going places a few months ago. "The team remains the same," but in the end went nowhere. It the trainer said. "As far as the is time to renew acquaintance but in the end went nowhere. It horse is concerned, the only with the likes of Storm Troopthing that changes is the er, who was heavily backed for colours. The colours will be the 2,000 Guineas and Dertry those of Teruya Yoshida, who but was not sighted in either.

His opponents include Mons,

one of last year's best juveniles

Pentire was a relatively cheap but has run only once this year, and St Mawes, runner-up in the

Chester Vasc It is easy for a horse to lose its way, but harder for it to fight its way back through the undergrowth to the true path, These do not deserve any further support, and the choice for hackers is between the promise of Unitus, a son of the Oaks winner Unite, and the experience of Desert Boy. Experience gets the vote, since Desert Boy (2.45) is a Group Two winner without a penalty. He won the Prix Eugene Adam at Saint-Cloud this month, but lost it,

harshly, in the stewards' room. The card's second Group Three event, the King George Stakes, includes last year's winner, Hever Golf Rose, hut the Group One penalty she shoulders for last year's success in the Prix de l'Abbaye has anchored her in second and third places this season and may do so again. Lucky Parkes (3.50), who is ideally suited by a flying five, is worth a small interest.

The handicap which opens the meeting is equally perplexing, but those who support might just be the day when their Confronter (next best 2.15) are The field is almost a roll call mark and saves his best form for

There can be no question about the day's outstanding bet. ROKEBY BOWL (nap 3.20) made it clear that he retains his talent when third on his belated seasonal debut, and the William Hill Cup, the day's richest race, is a good place to start making up for lost time.

GOODWOOD

2.15 Golden Thunderbolt 3.20 Rokeby Bowl

4.25 My Branch 5.00 Makhabar

3.50 EVENINGPERFORMANCE (nap) GOING: theed to Firm (watering).

SILVER EROOM is 10b higher than when warring the corresponding prize 12 months ago but, with the strong lightweight Jammy Qunn in the saddle, can repeat that success. Reg Alachurs's grey comes here one of the freshest in the field as he was having only his second start of the season when fourth of 20 behind Sheer Dansig in the Hong Kong Jobley Cub Trophy at Sandown. He should confirm that running with Badl Gover, Special Dawm and Chilef Bustand, who were some way admit. Releasely Bowl was recing for the first time since October when taking the minor placing behind Double Badl and Special Dawn at Windsor box weeks ago and, though only marginally better off with the runner-up, can turn the form around as he should not progressed for that run. Robelty Bowl's trainer, in Badding, has won this fire times in the lost 16 years. Dawnt, who with his single start lost form most impressively at Leicester, finished in the nuck on the first two outnigs this season but he dead heared with Thames Side under 10st at Newbury and can figure of it 4th higher mark. Brised Selection spring a 25-1 surprise when defecting Easy Listening three parts of a length in an 18-turer race at Kerngton but the second let the form down when unpleaded at Ascat on Saturday.

Selections SILVER GROOM COING: thoot to firm (watering).

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BLEADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: R Hannos — 42 winners from 353 runners gives a success ratio of 11.9% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 351.29; P Colo — 22 winners, 118 runners, 18.8%, +50.01; J Dualop — 22 winners, 171 runners, 12.9%, -574.07; J Geoden — 21 winners, 115 runners, 13.7%, +435.57.

BLEADING JOCKETS: T Quinn — 35 winners, 275 rides, 14.1%, -560.04; J Reid — 36 winners, 272 rides, 15.1%, -524.84; Pat Eddery — 33 winners, 161 rides, 20.5%, +45.15; W Carson — 31 winners, 211 rides, 14.7%, -509.47.

BLINKERS D TITME: Rabanian English (viscoral), 5a Mawes (2.45); Almany (viscoral), Lucky Llossel (150); Affedenade (5.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE Nove.

LONG BISTANCE BUNNERS: Car Cas Lady (7.07) & Cassbridge Ball (5.36) have been sen 23/miles by M Johnson from Middlebern, N Yorks; Power Game (2.15), Lacky Parkes (2.50) & Yeang Bigorig (5.00) sen 274 miles by J Berry from Cockerban, Laren.

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4.45: 1. PRESENT ARIAS (1 Quint) 1-4 t.iv. 2. Opal Jewel 7-2; 3. Swymford Supreme 25-1.4 ran. 2, dist. (P Cole, Wrist-combe) Toda: £1.20. OF: £1.30. CSF: F1.61. Placepot £31.90. Quadpot £12.00. Place & £60.84. Place 5: £26.12.

Evening results, page 23 curred a 716 penalty for the race when scoring at Ascot.

GOODWOOD 2.15: GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT, half a length second to King's Academy in a maiden at Ripon, seems to be lemiently handicapped.

2.45- DON VITO. 11/2 lengths secdistance performer.

third to his stablemate Double Bhiff under a tender ride at Wind-



3.50: EVENINGPERFORMANCE who showed blinding early pace when landing a Listed race at Sandown last time in half a length easing dawn from Venture Capitalist, should be suited by this sharp five furlongs. Lucky Lionel may be the chall danger.



BEVERLEY HYPERION

2.00 Veshca Lady 2.30 Arabian Heights 3.05 Gold Blade (nb) 3.35 Musical Dencer 4.10 Murphy's Gold 4.45 What Happened Was 5.15 Royal Dome GOING: Good to Firm (watering).

GOING: Good to Firm (watering).

STALLS: Inside.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: Righ for 6f & 7f 100yds.

Right-hand, galloping course with very staff fif.

Course is im west of town on A1035. Bus service from Beverley station (Hall - Scarborough line) 2m. ADMESSION: Cath

\$10; Junior Club (16 to 21-year-olds) 58; Tattersalls \$8; Siver
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\$2 per occupant. CAR PARK: Free.

SIS RACING

BLINEERED FIEST TIME: Seronstian (4.10).
WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
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2.00 LADYGATE SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 1m 4f

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2.30 SWINGS AND ROUNDABOUTS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 4f

BETTANS: 7-2 Mister Aspecto, 9-2 Midda's Star, 11-2 Arabian Heights, 6-1 b) The Money, 8-1 Non Victoria, 9-1 Instantaneous, 12-1 Awarna, 14-1

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4.10 MALTON HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 100yds

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METHNO: 7-2 Marphy's Gold, 9-2 Box Luck, 5-1 Euro Scapile, 5-1 Stranton
Charter, 8-1 Percy Parot, Quilling, 9-1 Stanton, 20-1 Time Arch Bridge,
22-2 Souty Yera, 18-2 Pleasanto Trick

4.45 FAMILY DAY MARDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 270 filles 5f 53 SARBATTON GERI. (22) M. Intrastor 8 5 P. Robinson 1.
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5.15 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,500 added 5f

RACING RESULTS 4.30-1 ALWAYS GRACE (R Oxfrare) 5-1:

2. Red Admiral 6-1; 3. Sharp Imp 7-2, 6 ran, 100-50 fer Jassem (4m), 14, 4t. (Mas Gyalews; Windowski, Toker 54.90; 52.60, 51.90; 17: £15.40; CSP: £29.89. C. S. E.S.O. CSP. E2988.
S.O.: I. MICHOGHT SPELL (M Herry) 9-4;
Another Batchworth 5-1; 3. Hurter's
Beau 107-30. 3 ran. 7-4 for Tachycards
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Jack Berry's Bolshoi has been given the chance to run in Suturday's Stewards' Cup after 14 horses were withdrawn at the five-day stage yesterday. Bolshoi, 14-1 with William Hill, inond to Prince Of Andres in a 10 furlongs stakes race at Chester, promises to make a smart middle-1.26: ROKEBY BOWL, 4 : lengths

sor, should come on for that run.

RACING SERVICES 0891 261 + GOODWOOD 971 0891 261 970 11.33 442 374 low 11.00

THE INDEPENDENT

BRIGHTON 2.30: 1. JAY-GE-EM // Red: 7-2: 2. Grovefair Maiden 3-1: 3. Super Scravels 15-2: 6 ren. 9-4 far Bellai (62), 5-6: 7. Guest, Newmarkel, Total: 5.30; 51-90. 52.30. DF: £8.80. CSF: £1.358. 3.00:1 PARNEEM Par Ettern 15-8: 2.

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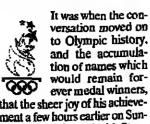
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Smith wins friends and the bronze

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

reports from Atlanta



would remain forever medal winners, that the sheer joy of his achievement a few hours earlier on Sunday night registered with Steve Setting down to a wellearned beer, he stuck his arms

in the air, threw back his head, and exulted. Four years after failing to take an Olympic high jump medal by the brush of a calf, the 23-year-old Liverpudlian had succeeded. A clear-ance of 2.35 metres earned bim the bronze behind Artur Partyka of Poland and the American winner Charles Austin, who responded in the cheers of an 80,000-strong crowd to go over at 2.39m. Smith's delight was matched

by that of Denise Lewis, in the beptathlon, who gained Britain's second bronze of the night after recovering from a start so had that she seriously contemplated withdrawing. A time of 2min 17,41sec for the 800m, last of the seven events, secured her third place by a margin of five points over Urszula Włodarczyk of Poland. Ghada Shouaa became Syria's first Olympic champion in winning the event.

Wlodarczyk won the final race, but Lewis, despite being forced into an outside lane on the run-in, managed to restrict her lead sufficiently. It was close. though - five points represents just 0.38sec. Lewis's performances on the opening day had been well below her best.

The rain that arrived just before her 100m hurdles beat won by the defending champion, Jackie Jovner-Kersee, before she was forced to retire with a hamstring injury - made a mockery of Lewis's preparations. She had spent 10 days at Tallahassee drinking fluids and practising her starts with the world 200m champion Mer-lene Ottey. "Then, to and be-hold, when I get on to the start line it rains. I should have done my work in England."

She dripped still further to eighth after recording 6.32m in the long jump – the first event of the second day and one in which the has managed 6.67m which she has managed 6.67m. With only the javelin and 800m remaining, the 23-year-old from

a little more that two laps left, her

supporters were as solemn as wit-

nesses at a hanging. What was ex-

pected to he the zenith of O'Sullivan's prosperity on the

track had failed to materialise.

In a lather when going to the start, her features taut with ten-

sion, the Irish heroine slipped fur-

ther and further back until she

lost touch even with the strag-

glers. Finally, she disappeared. It had been believed that O'Sul-

livan had the measure of every-

one in the race, but the occasion

proved too much for ber. Lynn

SCARLET

FACES IN

ATLANTA

Yesterday's

Olympic bloomers

It took 24 police cars and 35

baton-wielding officers to help Ken Farrar over a little

local difficulty with Andre

Agassi fans. Farrar, the ten-

nis tournament referee, de-

cided to switch Agassi's

doubles match from the

Olympic stadium to speed up

progress after rain, but over-

looked the fact that stadium

tickets are not valid for Court One. The result was a

mob of 300 fans threaten-

ing to storm the gate. The police were called and Far-

rar was forced to move the:

match back to the stadium where Agassi promptly lost.

medals with a week of com-

petition remaining. An un-

precedented 197 teams are

taking part in the Centenary

Olympics and already the

countries reaching the rostrum

have surpassed the total at

Seoul (52) in 1988.

Barcelona's final tally was 64.

Long before Sonia O'Sullivan Jennings of the United States,

pulled up in the 5,000 metres with a hronze medallist at 10,000m



High filer: Britain's Steve Smith sails over the bar on his way to winning a bronze medal in the Olympic high jump

O'Sullivan's illusions exposed by Wang

Ken Jones witnesses tragedy and

triumph in the women's 5,000 metres

Wang Junzia of China, was the influence of Ma Junren, a

"She was going to pull out," said Kevin Lidlow, the physiotherapist who has belped Lewis through the high points of her career - the 1994 Commonwealth Games victory, and her British record performance in Gotzis, Austria, two months ago. "She was really down and and saying she wanted to go with his event to satisfied with his event to shout it again after the next win an Olympic high jump event."

Smith was pretty satisfied with his event to satisfied with his event.

al Barcelona, who finished

ninth, tried to comfort her. "I

feel horrible for Sonia," she said.

"She's the greatest runner now,

O'Sullivan was inconsolable.

in tears as she removed ber track

shoes, unable to offer an ex-

planation for the miserable

showing. "It's just sport," her fa-ther, Tom, philosophised. May-

be so, but this is not bow it was

meant to be, not when you con-

sider the confidence O'Sullivan

bad displayed in preparations.

The German coach, Friedhelm

Lixenfeld, was tipping Ben Ainslie to secure gold in the

Laser class and the 1988 gold

medallist, Jocben Schumann,

was doing everything be could to avoid meeting Andy Beadsworth

before the final of the Soling

match racing as Britain's two best

medal hopes went into their last

races yesterday.
"I would expect Ben to take

the aggression to second-placed

Rohert Scheidt as they go into races nine and 10," Lixenfeld

said. If Ainslie could secure

placings near the top and stay

ahead of the Brazilian yesterday

then he would indeed win the

gold medal without having to

and deserved a medal."

treatment room, she had set a personal best in the javelin of 53.68m, "To say I was disap-pointed after the first day - DNF [Did Not Finish] was ringing through my brain," Lewis said.
"But anything is possible—that's the beauty of the event."

congratulated by excited com-patriots after gaining her coun-try's first Olympic gold on the track. Three years ago, Wang

was hailed as a phenomenon,

the greatest female distance

runner in history, taking a gold medal at the 1993 World Cham-

pionships in Stuttgart and set-

A 23-year-old fisherman's

daughter from Jiahoe City in the

Schumann, meanwhile, has

been concentrating on the American Jeff Madrigali, lying

third before yesterday's last

two Soling races in a series cut to 10 races to determine the top

six for the finals. The first and

second finishers progress to

the semi-finals, while rest split

into third versus fifth and

fourth against sixth, playing off

Schumann, lying first, would prefer to see Beadsworth hold

his second place and not face

the Briton. Of the other three likely contenders - Canada's

Bill Abbott, Italy's Mario Celon

and Russia's Georgi Shaidukov

- none is regarded by Schu-

for the other two places.

ting three world records.

When Lewis returned to the 1908. "It was just a relief. I said of medals from every major I was coming for the gold and I could have got it. It was that close. But I'm very bappy. I'm taking something away from the greatest event in the world.

"I finished 12th in Barcelona and ever since then I've looked forward to Atlanta, I know I can build on this. I'll only be 27 in

coach whose methods, including

doses of blood from freshly

killed turtles, gave rise to deep

suspicion. Two years ago, Wang, along with other Chinese woman

athletes, splil from Ma Junren.

who was alleged to be creaming

off appearance money. A sub-

sequent dip in form prompted

a 5,000-10,000m double bere.

Wang stayed with Pauline Koga

Ainslie leading the medal surge

SAILING .

Clawing their way back into

By Stuart Alexander

contention are the 470 pair of

John Merricks and fan Walker.

They took the fourth overall slot

after a second place in the

eighth race when the man pre-

viously occupying it. America's Morgan Reeser, was disquali-

fied after a protest by the New

Bronze or silver are stilt a

possibility, but the Ukrainians

Braslavets and Matvivenko look

to have secured the gold with

four races to run. The bronze

Zealanders.

The only woman attempting

rumour and innuendo.

event - he won bronze at the 1993 World Championships and silver at the Commonwealth Games and European Championships the following year. That record is testimony to one of Britain's best com-

Smith recalled a moment he Sydney so time is on my side. I had shared with Austin after the feel I can take the title back from the 2000 Games."

Smith has completed his set other and couldn't say any-

of Kenya before pulling away with two laps left. "I was watch-

ing her," Wang said, "and when

there was no response I knew

I had won." Asked about her old

mentor, she said: "I've had no

contact with him. I don't even

know his address. We spend a

even a chance to contact my

However, she considers her-self lucky to have come Ma Jun-

ren's influence and that of her

present coach, Mao Deghen.

Remarkably, with Ma Junren

she ran a marathon every day.

who was lying fourth going into yesterday's first race in the

The first two gold medals

were hung round the necks of

two remarkable competitors in

Savannah yesterday. Lai Shan

Lec won the women's Mistral

windsurfer, curtailed by poor

conditions to just nine ruces with

one to spare, making her Hong Kong's first ever gold medalist and, with amalgamation with China next year, the last

Penny Wilson's chances of a

medal took another knock

when she finished 20th in the

eighth race, leaving Barbara

Kendall, of New Zealand, the

Europe class.

lot of time moving to different case, it would not be as impor-places for training. There isn't tant as the pride in winning for

is still on for Shirley Robertson, China's Li Ke one race to fight

places.

thing. II was as if we both understood how important the next two weeks of training would be. It was something I will always remember."

Photograph: David Ashdown

He will remember, too, the lap of honour which all three medallists completed after Sunday's final. "That was something special," Smith said. "It was good for sport and good for the event." The same could be said of Britain's two bronze medal-

better, hut I don't think it bas

made that much difference."

of \$10,000 (£6,300) for gold

medals, Wang smiled. "It isn't

much money," she said, "In any case, it would not be as impor-

my country. Since getting over injuries 1 have been able 10

achieve what people expect of

me, to make the most of a trea-

sured gift."
For O'Sullivan, there is still the

I.500m. That's if she recovers

from ber shattering experience.

out the two remaining medal

Finn class, Poland's 21-year-old

Mateusz Kusnierewicz became

his country's first gold medalist, also winning with a race to spare.

He had been 46th in last year's

Gold Cup, the equivalent of the

class's world championship, and

Also to be decided yesterday in a series cut to 10 was the Star

medals where gold and silver were between Brazil's Torben

Grael and Australia's Colin

Beashel, with Britain's Glyn

Charles and George Skuodas

starting their last race in 11th

16th in France this year.

tn the men's singlehanded

Asked to confirm that the

YESTERDAY IN ATLANTA

Billington provides Britain with a fillip

Equestrianism

Geoff Billington restored British morale at the Georgia International Horse Park, Conyers, yesterday with a brilliant round on It's Otto in the individual qualifier, writes Gillian Newsum

A clear round with just 0.25 time penalties has put Billing-

Yesterday's class, the first show-jumping contest of the Olympics, had started badly for Dritting when Michael Whitele Britain when Michael Whitaker had a disastrous round on able and was unwilling to go forward. "It was like riding a four-year-old," Whitaker said. He thinks the horse may

have pulled a muscle in his back when he was jumping a practice fence two days ago. After his successful recovery from a fall in Bordeaux in March. when he cracked two bones in his withers, there is now concern that the accident-prone Two Step will be unfit to com-

pete in Thursday's Nations Cup. "It may just be that the horse was a bil dehydraled." said the learn manager, Ronnie Massarella. "He is under treatment and we hope to have him right for Thursday." There was more disap-

pointment when Nick Skelton produced a 12-fault round on Show Time. Bul Skelton was ume penatures has put bining-ton on course for an individ-ual medal and raised hopes for Britain's prospects in the team competition on Thursday.

against the sand arena. Fortunately John Whitaker, Two Step, lowering four fences and refusing at the seventh.

The horse looked uncomfort on Welham, just clipping the on Welham, just clipping the first part of the treble, the penultimate obstacle, to finish on four faults.

The course, which was visually unexciting, caused more trouble than expected and only seven riders went clear within the time. These included the reigning Olympic champion. Ludger Beerbaum of Germany and the American riders Leslie Burr-Howard (Extreme) and Anne Kurinski (Eros).

Kelly facing tough task

Booding

Belfast's Damaen Kelly must heat the world's top flyweight to guarantee himself an Olympic medal. Kelly's reward for out-boxing Australia's Hussein Hussein is a quarter-final pairing with Bu-

lat Dzumadilov of Kazakhstan. Kelly's Irisb team-mate, Francis Barrett, will not be joining him in the last eight, however. Barrett was beaten 18-6 by Timisia's Faithi Missaoui at the second stage of the lightwelterweight category - a result loudly hooed by the large crowd at the Alexander Memo-

first opponent 32-7, hut took 85 seconds to score his first point against Missaoui, who used his hig reach advantage to good effect, countering as Barrett came storming ia.

The Tunisian was 14-4 shead after two rounds and convincingly took the verdict 18-6. The crowd could not helieve that he had done enough lieve that he had done enough to win and their lond protests in their last group match, los-

Americans ease into next round

Barrett overwhelmed his

rial Coliseum.

The United States and Yugoslavia swept into the quarterfinals of the men's tournament with emphatic victories in their final group games. The American "Dream

Team" eased to a 102-71 victory over a Croatian team featuring three National Baskethall Association players. Toni Kukoc of the Chicago Bulls knew his team had little chance. "The chances were

times something happens. If they had a terrible day we could win. But I don't really see it." The United States, the winners of group A, face Brazil

very small." he said. "Some-

in the quarter-finals. Yugoslavia, who were hardly lested in their five matches in group B, coasted to a 97-So win over Puerto Rico. Yugoslavia will next play China. Lithuania finished second in

group A after demolishing China 116-55 and will play Greece in the quarter-finals. were ringing round the arena ing 103-62 to Australia, who will long after the fighters had left. be the Croats' next opponents.

Brazil to meet Nigeria in the semi-finals

The individual brilliance of Bebeto and Ronaldo gave Brazil a 4-2 win over Ghana in their quarter-final in Miami on Sunday. Both scored breathtaking goals from acute angles to set up a semi-final meeting with Nigeria, who beat Mexico 2-0

carlier in the day. The PSV Eindboven striker Ronaldo scored twice within seven minutes in the second half to set up Brazil's win after Ghana had taken a surprise

2-1 lead shortly after half-time. His first goal was a simple shot after a quickly taken freekick by Middlesbrough's Juninho, but the second showed all the class of a player bound for the glamour of Barcelona next season. The 19-year-old chipped goalkeeper Simon Addo from the tightest of an-gles to put Brazil 3-2 up 17

Bebeto matched the subtle skills of his young compatriot with a fierce angled drive off a post to seal Brazil's victory in the 69th minute. Ghana had teenager Christian Sabah sent off in the 84th minute for a rash tackle on Ze Maria. In Birmingham, Alabama, goals from Austin Okocha

and Celestin Bahavaro ensured Nigeria's progress to the semi-finals with a hardfought win over Mexico. Brazil and Nigeria, who play tomorrow in Athens, Georgia, will meet for the second time in a week. Brazil

won their group match 1-0 in Miami last Thursday. Today's first semi-final in Athens is between Argentina and Portugal. Wei Haiying scored twice in

the final eight minutes to give China a 3-2 victory over Brazil's women. The Chinese minutes into the second half. the gold medal on Thursday. will play the United States for

MODERN PENTATHLON: (1230-1645): Shooting: fencing: (1800-1825): Swim-ming: (2215-0112): Running: riding.

SALING: (1800-2200): Tornado finals:

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING: (1500

SOFTBALL: (2130-0145): Gold med

Giles cannot redeem negative tendency

Great Britain

Australia

A combination of too much reliance on the previously reliable scoring skills of Calum Giles, a NUMBER defensive outlook and an early goal by Australia bere yesterday left Great Britain without a chance of a medal. The best they can achieve now is fifth place. The countries who had won

The controversial skills of Giles, who comes on only at short penalties and had a 35.5 per cent successful strike rate, eventually failed him when he missed two attempts against a quick but beatable Australian side.

Jason Laslett, the team captain, still defended the tactic. "If Britain have failed here has

anything, we didn't give him enough chances to come on today. If you've got a player with his special ability you have to use him. Penalty corners and rolling substitutes are a legitimate part of the game," he said. David Whittle, the manager, also defended the team's tendency tn negativity. "We played to our strength, which is defensive - I

wish it were different." So would the British supporters who managed to get tickets for a stadium that was only a quarter full. Absurdly, tickets bad to be booked for the whole preliminary competition at any venue, not for any one match. Another of the reasons why

HOCKEY By Norman Fox

been the indifferent form of their greatest hope, Russell Gurcia. whose midfield skills have been largely peripheral. He said afterwards that he expected at least five of the present squad to retire after the Games, but he would not be one of them. Britain had not beaten Aus-

tralia since the Seoul Olympics of 1988 (10 matches) and never looked like doing so yesterday. As in their carlier games, they constantly lost possession and failed to sustain their at-

tacking. In fact, for most of the first half they slruggled to extract themselves from their own half. Conceding a fifth-minute goal to Mark Hagers' powerful shot, they were in psychological as well as factical trouble.

As Laslett said: "We knew they would come at us fast at first. The one thing we didn't want to do was give them an early goal. When we did, it allowed tbcm to put players up." One of them was Baeden

Choppy, who capitalised on Jon Wyatt's mistimed tackle in the 28th minute, allowing Jay Stacy to shoot in and leaving Britain with a hot and virtually impossible climb in the sec-

Britain's women were excused training yesterday before tackling Argentina in the three-cornered fight with Germany for the hronze medal play-off spot . "Seven games in 11 days is taking its toll," Jen-ny Cardwell, the British team manager, said, "The most important thing at this stage is to prepare mentally and build up confidence and self-belief."

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Australia: I, Droher: M York, h Wan; I, Emer, P Gaution, D Sprode: S Danes, M Hagar, J Sta-cy, B Choppy, P Lows, Sabathutes wood: D Diet-li, S Carrothers, G Smith, B Garard, M Smith.

SPORTING DIGEST All times listed are BST. HOCKEY: |1400-1800|: Argentina v Great Britain (w); Germany v Korea (w quarter-finals; (2230-0300): Spain United States, (w); Australia v Netherland

ARCHERY: (1400-1720): (m) 1/32 elim mations; (1900-2220): (m). ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS: (2100-2300): Exhibition; 1/16 ellminations, Exhibition; 1/1.6 eliminations, BADMINTON: |1.400-16.45); (w) singles semi-final; (m) singles semi-final; (1.900-22.45); (m) singles semi-final; Mixed dou-bles semi-final; (01.00-04.00); (w) doubles

bronze; (m) doubles bronze, BASEBALL: |1500-1700): Preliminaries; |2000-2200): Preliminaries; /0100-0300): Preliminaries. BASKETBALL: (1500-1900); im) quar ter-finals; (2000-24001: Im) 9-12 place classification matches; (0100-05001: Im) quarter-finals.

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BOKING: (1830-2055): Light-flyweight, bentamweight, lightweight, weiterweight, middeweight, bestweight, bentamweight, lightweight; weiterweight, lightweight; weiterweight, middeweight, heevyweight, all quarter finals.

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CANOE/KAYAK SPRINT: |1400-1730):
K-2 |m) 1000 heats; K-1 (m) 1,000 heats; |1930-2150): Sprint K-2 (m) 1000 repéchages; K-1 (m) 1000 repéchages.

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FOOTBALL: (2300-0100): (m) semi-HANDBALL: |1500-1800): Hungary v Denmark (w): Germany v Angola (w): 1930-2230): Korea v Norway (w): Peo-ple's Republic of China v United States

SYNCHROWIZED SWEMMING: (1500-1515): Team preliminaries.

IABLE TENNIS: (1800-2015): (m) doubles gold; Imi doubles bronze; (2400-0300): (m) singles quarter-final; (w) singles semi-finals.

TENNIS: (1500-2400): (w) doubles quarter-final; (m) singles quarter-final.

VOLLEYBALL: (1700-2130): (w) quarter-finals; (2430-0459): (w) quarter-finals; (2430-0459): (w) quarter-finals; (1730-1930): Over 108kg Group A final.

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(w) denotes women (m) denotes men Television Coverage Olympic Grandstand: BBC1: 07.00 09.05; 13.40; 19.00. BBC2; 20.30



BBC1: 10.10. BBC2: 02.00. Eurosport: Live coverage from 16.00.

Newcastle aim for the high ground

The bunker mentality at Old Trafford vesterday was evidence that Newcastle had scored a direct hit in their battle to silence those who believe, as the Strenford Enders have long proclaimed, that there is only one

Martin Edwards, the chairman and chief executive of Manchester United, blamed his club's loss to Newcastle United in the race for Alan Shearer's signature on Blackburn's refusal to do business with their bitter North-west, rivals. But perhaps he shoul-it have looked closer to home.

Newcastle has had a Unit ed for 104 years, a decade longer than Manchester, but the crity's football club now has the world's most expensive footballer because was its ambitious pursuit of thee Manchester United bluep #int for success.

Newcast he were form in deht and on the hrink of collapse Micke Sir John Hall came to the rescue four years ago. Osvaldo Ardiles had not even been able. to afford £350,000 to hay Joe Allon from Hartlepool in November 1991, as his side batiled against the threat of rele-

gation to the old Third Division. Yesterday, Kevin Keegan took his spending un players to tou.75m. Some £25m bas been spent on redeveloping St James' the steps of St James' Park as Park, yet Newcastle plan to Manchester United were parad-

Simon Turnbull assesses the blueprint belind the black and white ambition

move sto a new 75,000-seater ground. They are also preparing at £180m finatation on the stock market, for which the rchase of Shearer was seen as ideal launchpad.

The challenge for Keegan is Manchester United as a trophywinning force. The 12-point lead Newcastle squandered against Alex Ferguson's side last season meant a 41st year without a major domestie honour heing deposited in the antique trophy cabinet at St James'

The challenge for Sir John and his fellow directors is to sustain Keegan's amhition by emulating the Manchester United money-making machine -hence the decisions to uprout from St James' and go public. and to speculate on that expansion and the accumulation of silverware with yesterday's

pionship, but we are not in their league commercially. They have a distinct financial edge there. £15m investment. Sir John, in fact, outlined his They are a very sharp public company, very commercially intentions in the wake of Newminded, and you have to coneastle's failure last season, "This club can be the biggest in the cede that they're at the top on United Kingdom and we have and off the pitch. But when dramatic plans for the next we've won what they have - and four or five years," he said on we will - we'll be up there with the steps of St James' Park as them.

How ironic it would be if that

YESTERDAY'S

ing the Premiership tropby 45

"We are looking at the pos-sibility of building a new stadi-

um hecause we are very

conscious that thousands of

people who want to come and

see us just can't get in. But a new

stadium would cost somewhere

in the region of £30m and our

annual turnover is only some

"Manchester United, he-

cause they have been able to in-

crease the capacity of Old

Trafford to around 55,000, take

£1m every time they play there.

and they have an annual

turnover of £70m. That's the

kind of competition we've gut.

It's a really huge challenge,

but we are more than happy to

United very close for the cham-

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£10m more than that.

be facing it.

miles away on Teesside.



Kevin Keegan, in Thailand yesterday, expressed his pleasure at the signing of Alan Shearer Photograph: Reuter

first trophy were to be won at apply for 300 executive passes Manchester United's expense. and with the goals of Alan Shearer, in the Charity Shield match at Wembley on Sunday

Sir John and his boardroom colleagues know it will take much more than that to establish Newcastle as English football's leading United. But they know how significant

Shearer's signing could be. -Perhaps people will now realise why we need a 75,000-seater stadium," Russell Junes, one of the cluh's directors, said yesterday, as the 12,000 people on the waiting list for 33,000 season tickets were invited to

available at £1,500 cach

Sir John, on holiday in Spain, said vesterday: "It shows the board's determination to keep Newcastle at the top, challenging for the championship and for honours in Europe."

It is a message that will be received loud and clear in Manchester. The champions may have their own Jordi in parade at Old Trafford, but the challengers have the Geordie they both wanted. As the 300 fans gathered outside St James' Park yesterday lunchtime put it: He's coming home. He's com-

ing home. He's coming. Shearer's coming home."

Big business playing ball

Gone are the days when the local second-band car dealer, dressed in a sheepskin coat, could run a top football club on an extended overdraft or pay a player's win bonus by gently massaging the attendance figures.

Football is big business today with money pouring into the game at an unprecedented rate from television, sponsorship and marketing deals. Only last month, the satellite broadcaster BSkyB paid a record £670 million to secure the rights to broadcast live Premier League action over the next five seasons.

ples to £10m the annual income each club will generate from television. That may be loose change compared with the po-tential cash bonanza from the introduction of pay-per-view television in two years' time. A recent poll of 4,000 respondents by the market research group Harris found Newcastle United could earn up to £114m a season from couch potato fans paying £10 a time for games screened at different times.

It is small wonder that investors are rushing to take advantage of opportunities in under-developed leisure assets. Shares in Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur, the only two clubs quoted on the main London stock exchange. have soared this year, pushing United's worth to £266m while Spurs has a valuation of £86m.

Patrick Tooher reports on the changing face of British football

Chelsea, Celtic, Millwall and Preston are also publicly quoted companies, and Leeds United are set to join them after Caspian, a media group owned by leading London finance houses, recently hid £20m for control. Arsenal, Everton. Liverpool and Newcastle are also ading in the same direction.

With so much new money The deal effectively quadruchasing a limited number of star players, inflation in the form of igher transfer fees was inevitable. The problem for leading chubs is that paying top dollar for the best does not guarantee success on or off the field.

Buying Shearer will boost sales of black and white replica shirts, and may even clinch the Premiership title and a lucrative run in the European Champions League. But the signing will plunge Newcastle into the red this year, making the cluh less attractive to po-

tential investors. And Kevin Keegan, who has spent £60m during his tenure at St James's Park, needs no re-minding that Manchester United won the Double last year after spending a mere £400,000 during the season - the lowest of any Premier League club.

Chairman supports Wilkinson

Bill Fotherby, the chairman of Leeds United, yesterday backed Howard Wilkinson, the club's manager, and denied speculation that Kenny Dalglish was being lined up to take over at

Elland Road The rumours linking Blackburn's director of coaching with Leeds surfaced after the Caspian group were given clearance in the High Court to complete their takeover of the Yorkshire club, but Fotherby pledged to support Wikinson. "It's all rubbish," Fotherby said. "Howard is in the job and will now have the kind of financial backing he's not had in the last eight years."

Nottingham Forest have completed the signing of Nikola Jerkan, the Croatian in-ternational defender. The £1m deal to take the 31-year-old from Spain's Real Oviedo was held up for more than a fortnight while Forest waited for a

work permit. Mark Hateley's return to Scotland to join Kilmarnock from QPR bas fallen through. The deal is dead and buried after the two clubs couldn't agree a fee," Dennis Roche, the play-

er's agent, said. Swindon have signed the for-mer Liverpuol winger Mark Walters on a free transfer from Southampton, as well as Scott Leitch, the Hearts midfielder. They will also give a fortnight's trial to the 29-year-old French defender Frederick Darras.

Medals table

Seles' golden dream dashed

Monica Seles, the No 1 seed. saw her dream of Olympic gold destroyed yesterday by the sixth

seeded Jana Novotna. The Czech Novotna won the quarter-final match against the American favourite 7-5. 3-6. 8-6. wbile Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Kimiko Date 4-5, 6-3, 10-8.

Greg Rusedski, Britain's final hope in the Olympic singles, went out after squandering a series of chances to reach the

men's quarter-finals. The Canadian-born left-hander, who boasts one of the fastest serves on the ATP Tour. went down 7-6 6-3 to Spain's Sergi Bruguera in round three. idaving had four set-points in the

The British No 2 squandered all four and then gifted Bruguera a 9-7 victory in the tiehreak with a double fault on his first set-point. The Spaniard soon broke Rusedski's serve in the second set and although the Briton fought back to 5-3, Bruguera clinched victory on his fifth match-point.

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son (Ausa) 48.89; 3 E Meter (Nen) 49.03; 4 V Zadolnov (Mol) 49,73; 5 Hod Somayi (S Arabia) 49.94; 6 H Mbaye (Sen) 50.30; 7 L Herbert (SA) S.1.3. Heat 4: 1.8 Broneon (US) 49.06; 2 O Kovaco (Hung) 49.23; 3 P Jenutzewski (Pol) 49.63; 4 H Kauemura (Jean) 49.85; 6 J Massentisa (Zim) 50.16; 8 J Kucel (Stovák) 50.31; 7 A Sy Savene (Gunea) 50.90; 8 S Hollingsworth (Aus) 52.16. Heat 5: 1 J Rolgson (ISB) 49.31; 2 M Dollendorf (Bel) 49.49; 3 R Mashchenko (Rus)

RESULTS FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES 49.94; 4 E Lebels (Lat) 50.73; 5 0 Content (PR) 51.20; 8 M Scheibert (Swit) 51.20; 7 C Young (Pan) 55.20. Did not finish: W Graham (Lam).

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16 A Kolchanossky (Ukr) 57.90; 17 M

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Group 2: 1 V Aleins (Linh) 64.50m; 2 A Washington (US) 63.66; 3 V Sidorov (Uin) 63.42; 4 S (Jaknov (Rus) 62.42; 5 A Demine (Cuto) 62.22; 6 V Kapryddi (Bela) 62.22; 7 J Godina (US) 61.82; 3 R Jimenet-Gaona (Par) 61.36; 9 S U (China) 60.20; 10 M Bilok (12 Rep.) 59.88; 12 A Tamment (Es) 59.04; 12 O Mustapic (Cna) 57.94; 13 S Singh (Ind) 55.58; 14 V Hartschrösten (Ice) 56.30; 15 T Uinks (Cna) 55.58; 14 M Medlenbeck (Car) 55.18; 16 G Smith (GB) 64.88; 19 C Mens (W Samou) 51.28. No mark recorded: O Martinez (Sp). House the second continued of the second continued to the second continued to

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MEN: Springboard semi-final (first 12 to final): In Xong (China) 694.47; 22 Yu (China) 662.34; 3 M Murphy (Aus) 539.21; 4 S Donie (US) 637.69; S O Souther (Rus) 621.48; 8 A Wels (Ger) 512.54; 7 M Lenzi (US) 601.77; 8 F Pictiss (Mex) 600.45; 9 A Semenous (Bels) 567.56; 10 J Hernpel (Ger) 578.26; 11 V Statentio (Rus) 574.71; 12 R Volotion (IUS) 570.15; 32 E Stavard (Zim) 567.96; 34 R Frece (Aur) 563.64; 15 O Lorenzin (t) 559.36; 26 P Cortols (Can) 551.28; 37 I Lenglel (Hung) 551.25; 18 A Ali (GB) 548.79.

Triple jump qualifying round (best 12 to freel): Group 1: 1 i Prendzheva (Bull 14.81m; 2 0 Goverova (Burl 14.60; 3 R Ren (Drina) 1.45; 4 0 Vascies (Gee) 14.45; 5 0 Nulsowych (Burl 14.35; 8 I Blazemona (Lat) 14.24; 7 A Brynkova (Rus) 14.15; 8 G Cisquicva (Slonik) 14.14; 9 V Meene (Est) 14.00; 10 0 Rhodes (US) 13.95; 11 B Leh (to 13.74; 12 M Griffith (GB) 13.70; 13 5 Lee (Lam) 13.65; 14 N Marnal (Rus) 12.91; 15 V Bitany (Ab) 12.62; No merit recorded: 0 Omengé (US).
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MEN: Doubles semi-finals: R Mainely and R Subage (Indon) bt Soo Beng Keng and Ten Kim Het (Meley) 15-3 15-3. Tan Non Her (Methy) 15-3 15-3. Milliand doublies operative-finals; Kim Dong Moon and Gil Young Ah (S Noi) bit 7 Herjento and M Timur British 15-4 15-12; bit Jengun and Sun Jean (China) bit N Flandy and R Riseu (Indon) 15-2 5-15-15-17 park, Jon-Bong and Ra Hyung Man (S Kor) bit Tao Xisanjang and Wang Xisoyuan (China) 15-7 15-9; Chen Xingdong and Peng Xingdong (China) bit M Sogaard and R Olsen (Den) 15-10 6-15 18-15.

Badminton

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Netherlands 8

Basketball WOMEN: Preferinary round Group A: Rus-

ATLANTA

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ner and O Princel (Ger) bt S Hisson and G Nansawic (Crea) 6-2 6-3; 7 Woodurldge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Bruguera and 7 Cextronell (Sp) 6-4 6-3. WOMEN: Singles quarter-finals: J Novot-ne (Cz Rep) bt M Seles (US) 7-53-88-8;

⋘ Volleybali MER: Prolleminary round Stroup A: Argertino 3 Poland 1 (7-15 17-15 15-10 15-9). Stroup 8: Italy 3 Yugoslavio 0 (15-12 15-9 15-12).

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LATE RESULTS FROM SUNDAY'S

Archery

MEN: 70-motive individual event, rankings after account rounds 1 Mr Frangiii III 694; 2 Jang Yong-ho (S Non 682; 3 On Kyo-moon IS Non 681; 4 V Chilarev Herand 677; 6 J Hopomen (Find 678; 6 B Terempilov (Find 679; 1 T S Halland (68) 644; 24 C Hardington (68) 653; 4 Non-Hopomen (Find 679; 1 T S Halland (68) 644; 24 C Hardington (68) 654; 25 Non-Hopomen (68) 654; 24 C Hardington (68) 656; 3 Non-Hopomen (10) 673; 2 Ving He (Ching) 656; 3 Non-Hopomen (10) 673; 2 Ving He (Ching) 656; 3 Non-Hopomen (10) 673; 6 E Altanlasynoli (III) 663; 15 A Williamson (69) 649.

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E Topontis (Lat) 1-45.88; 3 \$ Nigoth Zm)
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1 M Johnson (US) 44.50; 2 R March (Henr) 44.81;
3 D Kymolg (Uga) 44.85; 2 R March (Henr) 44.81;
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Badminton

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WELLEN Singles quarter-Reside (34) B Soo-Ingul (S Korea) bit (59) Yan Yan (Orne) 11-3 11-2 (56) M Authors (Indo 16 to 14) T Ingul (Se Korea) bit (59) Yan Yan (11 T Materia (Den) 11-6 (2) 15 Susanto (Indo) bit (593) Ingule (Hen) (Orne) 3-11 11-4 (13) 11-12 (1) T Hyun (Pm (3) Kor) bit (1) Zhanyang Ye (Chinzal 11-5 12-11).

Baseball Predominary round Group St. South horse 1.1. Netherland 3; Cube 10 United States 8; Nicaragus

Basketball

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4 Germany (Trummer: Berns) 163.72; 5 France (Des Rey; Seed) 165.47; 12 Great Britain (Brown; Per) 180.96.

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Rescrife (GR) 148,37; 25 S Pearce (GR) 154,76.

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MEN Springboard profitainary roams: 1 N Nong (Chros. 463,020x; 2 Zhuocheng, Yu (China) 438,93; 2 M Murphy (Aus) 419,13; 4 S Done (LS) 414,03; 5 A Weist (Gen 405,33; 18 A Nu (GB) 345,33; 24 B Morgan (GB) 33,8,68.

Equestrian

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∞ Football

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W Handball WOISEN Prefinitelentry Broup A: Ching 21 Den-mark 33: United States 24 Hungary 30. Group B: Angols 19 South Kores 25; Germany 23 Norway 25.

**** Hockey**

MEN Prefusinery round Group B standings: Natherland 7; Australie 5; Great Britain 5; South Africe 3; South Koree 2; Melaysia 2.

WOMEN Profunitory round: Notherland 4 Spain 2; Argentine 2 South Notes 2. **⋘Salling**

MEN Soding (Inselhout) standings after elight races: 1 Sermany 32.00 IT Flech, B Jackst, J Schuernardt, 2 Greet Brigin 33.00; A Beadworth, B Parlein, A Steedy, 5 Unaded States: 34.00; U Benton. J Modelysis, A Steedy, 5 Unaded States: 34.00; U Benton. J Modelysis, K Massey); 4 Canada 46.00; IM Celon, C Caton, B Torboll.
470 (double-banded dingley) standings after sever races: 1 Usranre 24.00 (Y Brissherts, J Mathyeniko); 2 Ruses 35.00 (D Benyaden, Y Burmannov); 3 Portugal 43.00 (Y Brocha, N Burmach; 4 Unated States 52.00 (K Burmharn, M Reoser); 6 Greet Brasin 53.00 (J Mornela, (Walker), Star (two-person heebbest) standings after their stace: 1 Brazil 22.00 (C Bross, R Bratona); 2 Australia 23.00 (C Brosshet, D Gles); 2 Sweder 28.00 (H Walter); 5 Lones; 4 Greet Brazil 25.00 (D Crutes, G Standing, Torrado Insulfilad) standings signer eight recest 1 Soon 22.00 (C Ballestor, F Leony; 2 Australia 30.00 (M Booth), L Underbeiger; 3 Australia 30.00 (M Booth), L Underbeiger; 5 Florid (Booth), L Starter (M Booth), L Van Voorheil; 4 Booth and 30.00 (M Booth), L Walterno, T Zhooli 2.2 Japon 22.00 (M Shoolier; 1 Marthelater); 5 Denney; 30.00 (M Booth), L Ward, 3 Wand; 8 Great Britain 51.00 (S Corr, 8 Roggetti).

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1.1s Shan Lee (H) 18.00; 5 Rhends RV; 28.00; 5
3 Honger Nun) 31.00; 4 Ke Li (Christ) 35.00; 5
A Seneni (R) 41.00; 6 P Wilson (RB) 44.00.

Table Tennis

Michigas Third round: V Samurov (Bela) by D Michigas (Rus) 21-14 21-15 21-13; Tao Wing (Cir-na) by Nan-Hyu Yoo (S Kor) 21-15 21-16 21-9.

∞ Tennis

BiEN Singles Third round (prefix denotes accol-lege: S Bruguere (Sp) to G Rundsid (SB) 7-5 (S-7) 6-3: F Medigen (Bru b to M Philippousats (Aus. 7-6 (S-7) 4-5 8-5. Denthies Second rounds (1) T Woodnedgen Whoodned (Aust of M Buchtind Pats (India) 4-6 6-2 (G) E Ferresraft/ Fer-Pales (India) 4-6 6-2 6-2; (ii) E Fernerari W Fer-rerar (SA) Id A Japassy M Washington (JIS) 7-5 6-7 (2-7) 6-0; N Broed/T Hermen (RS) Id (21 G ComrobiO Nestor (Card) 7-8 (7-5) 4-6 6-4; William Steeples Third research (41 Mapoli (Crol Irt (16) K Haroudove (Stown) 6-4 3-6 6-4; (2) C Marthat (SD) Id N Jernes (Bita) 6-2 7-5; (ii) L Deveroon (LiS) Id N Jernes (Bita) 6-2 7-5; (ii) L Doubles Second repend (prefit denotes seed-ingle (2) J Novorrahl Sulcow (Cz Rep) Id Y Ba-soluff Tedjelsums (Indio) 6-2 6-3: B Sangerant/ Tenesurgen (Indi) Id Li Chert/Rig-Quan Yi (Christ) 2-6 6-4 6-4 M Harigey Schmidt (Semit) Id 3-pelmenn/L Courtos (Bel) 2-6 6-1, 7-5; (3) M Bol-legrav/B Gehultz-MicCartivy (Neth) Id Y Caurgo/Termeswend (Hun) 7-5 (7-5) 7-6 (7-5).

W Volleyball

WOMEN Prolintary group A: Nechertand 3 (Arame O, Group & Board 3 Germany 1; Carada 3 Peru 2; Rus sty 3 Cutes 1.

Weightlifting 99kg event 1. A Kaldusstvilis (Gre) anatch 185.D kg clean and Jefs. 225.D kg toral kft 420.D kg 2. A Khonpany (Mazzk) 187.5 222.5 410.D 3.D Ger-tral (Iller) 187.5 215.D 402.5: 4 S Rybalchenion Ulini 1825-222.5 395.D 5 V Ruber (Rus) 175.D 215.D 3825.D 5 D Smirrow (Rus) 175.D 215.D 380.D.

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FE WORLD THREE-DAY EVENT RANGAGE: 1

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Boxing After more than 8 year away from box-ing. George Foreman, the 47-year-old former heavyweight champion, has an-nounced he will fight Crawford Grimsley on 16 September at the National Yoyogi Arena in Tokyo. "The fight is mended to be the first of a senes that Coorge Foreman hones will culminate George Foreman hopes will culminate in a rematch against Mike Tyson and finally decide the heavyweight honors for the 1990s, "seld Mort Shamil, Fore-

EBSTERS WORLD MATCHPLAY TOURNA ENT (Blackgood) First round (GB or In un-sa stated): 5 Downs (US) bt K Deller 9-7: szarento bt G Venter (US) 8-4; P Narkey Kelly (US) 8-2; I Umberger (US) bt 5 Raw

FAM (Pony European Shore Jamping, shipe, Bartabus, Demants, 15-18 Bedser, Channoo, Locardo, J. Pendespot of Lust, J. McGloy (Tolernan et Master Record, A.Demas (S. 1881), Non-transfer, reserve: M. 1881), Non-transfer, reserve: M. 1881

Bristol Rovers have signed a 21-year lease to play at Bristol rugby club's Memorial Ground. The Second Division club are due to open their season there

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Emerson Fittipelai, the former world champton and IndyCar veteran is in a serious but stable condition after a crash during the Michigan 500 race on Control The Abuse old Emplion Sunday. The 49-year-old Brazilian crashed into a well on the second lap of the event and was taken to hospital, where he was diagnosed as having a fractured severally coviced vertebra and a partially collapsed left lung. "He is in good spirits. There is no neural deficit.
The long-term prognosis for recovery is good, " seed Stene Owey, the IndyCar director of medical affairs.

SPORTING DIGEST

Motocross Stefan Everts, of Belgium, has been stripped of his victories in the British round of the 250cc world championship for using non-standard fuel. France's Frederic Bolley was stripped of his sixth pace from the same race, and Jose Del Barrio, of Spain, was fined 1,000 Swiss france (£553), both for the same offence.

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Rugby League
AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: North Sydney 15

Tennis

LEADING ATP TOUR MEN'S WORLD RANK-INGS: 1 P Sampras (US) 4,147pts: 2 T Muster (Aut) 3,712; 3 M Chang (US) 3,357; 4 Y Water-nitor (Rus) 2,213; 6 B Becker (Ed) 3,162; 8 O Numbers: (Dou) 2,753; 7 A Agress (US) 2,590; B R Kraptes (Neth) 2,558; 9 J Courser (US) 2,373; 10 W Ferrarra (SA) 2,184.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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allows me to buy players.

"Alan will not be join-

ing us here. Tell the Thai

team they just have to worry

about Ferdinand, Beardsley

Shearer's departure is likely to

ignite another major round of

spending as Blackburn seek to re-

place him and Manchester Unit-

ed look elsewhere. On news of

Shearer's move, United imme-

diately inquired about the avail-ability of Patrick Kluivert, Ajax's

Dutch international forward.

Kluivert is available at the right

price, which in an English auc-

tion may reach over £7m, as Ajax fear he will go for nothing at the

end of next season to Italy when

his contract expires.
If Kluivert joins United, Andy

Back at St James' Park, Fer-

dinand has agreed to give up the

seen whether he will fit into Kee-

gan's revised forward thinking.

A move back to London, pos-

sibly to Arsenal, was mooted in

April as Keegan's former club

record signing struggled to find

his goalscoring form. But the

feeling on Tyneside last night

Shearer goes home for £15m

SIMON TURNBULL AND ALAN NIXON

In Newcastle shops yesterday they ran out of letters to put "Shearer" on the back of hlack and white shirts. In Blackburn there was a rush to have the departing idol's name removed from Rovers strips. All the fuss might have been saved if Alan Shearer had not been handed a green jersey when he reported to his local club for a trial 14

Hearts were broken in Blackburn and filled with joy on Tyneside as it emerged that Newcastle United had smashed all transfer records - domestic. European and glohal - 10 finance the coming home of England's Euro 96 hero. At a cost of £15m, £1.7m more than Barcelona paid PSV Eindhoven for Ronaldo, Shearer finally found himself in the football home be always wanted.

When he turned up for a trial at St James' Park in 1982 he did not get a chance to shoot at goal. "I told them I was a centre-forward hut they played me and Asprilla." in goal for two days," he recalled.

Only yesterday was a figure put on that error of judgement. But it was Newcastle's good fortune, and to Manchester United's cost, that Shearer never allowed the setback to come beween him and his love for the black and whites.

As a 12-year-old from the Newcastle suburb of Gosforth he queued for five hours to watch Kevin Keegan's debut against Queen's Park Rangers. He was one of the Gallowgate Enders who celebrated the winner Keegan slid into that goalmouth.

Cole is likely to leave. Everton had agreed in principle a £4.5m Last night Keegan was celefee with United if Shearer had brating his capture of the signed and sources close to the Geordie whose goalscoring tal-ent could win Newcastle the Goodison club suggested that they will wait for Cole before priceless prize of the champilooking elsewhere. onship trophy they have craved since the sepia days of Hughie Gallacher in 1927. No 9 shirt and it remains to be

Speaking from Bangkok. where Newcastle play the Thai national side today. Keegan said: "This signing is for the people of Newcastle. It just shows you the amhition of Newcastle United. We are the higgest thinking Icam in Europe now.

'We're not the higgest, most successful team, but we're the was that the Newcastle managbiggest thinking club and we er will make his assault on the

FROM NEWCASTLE TO NEWCASTLE: THE ALAN SHEARER STORY

1988: Signed professional forms with ment, which England wor.

3-1 home Southempton on 14 April, five days after he lead and so an arrangement of the lead and so are 1970: Born 13 August in Newcastle.

1988-89: Failed to score in eight full League appearances for Southampton. 1989-90: Scored three goals in 26 League

1990-91: Scored four times in 36 League garnes and earned an England Under-21 callup, going on to score a record 13 goals in 11 appearances at that level including sev-

en in four matches at the Toulon tourna-

had made a sensational full debut for Saints as he became the youngest player to score a Frotball League hat-trick, in a 4-2 win over France. Travelled with squad to European Championships in Sweden, playing in O-0 draw against France in Malros In Italy 1992, moved to Blackburn in then British record £3.3m deal. He had scored 23 League goals in 118 appearances for Southampton. 1992-93: Scored twice on Blackburn de-but in 3-3 draw with Crystal Palace at Sei-

hurst Park and went on to score 22 times

in total that season before suffering serious

cruciate knee ligament injury against Leeds

on Boxing Day. He had scored twice in that 3-1 home win but missed the rest of the

1993-94: Voted Footballer of the Year having scored a total of 34 goals that season. 1994-95: His 34 Premiership goals led Blackburn to their first championship for 81 years. Voted PFA Player of the Year.

1995-96: Became first player to reach 100 goals in the FA Carling Premiership, taking only three seasons to do so. Won Golden Boot as top goalscorer at Euro 96 after scoring five times, against Switzerland, Scotland, the Netherlands (two) and Germany. Moves to Neuroscie in two of an against 54 Em clear to Newcastle in world record £15m deal.



ignored. They will be a lethal duo up front, the Newcastle chairman, Sir John Hall, said. They will cause concern among many a defence."

Shearer, 25, has signed a fiveyear deal which it is understood could earn him £1.5m in signingon fees and up to £7m in wages. He said his goodbyes at Black-burn yesterday, headed to Tyneside for a medical and flies out to Singapore today to join his new colleagues on their Far East tour. He is expected to be paraded at a St James' Park press con-

at a St James' Park press con-ference on Tuesday and will play at Wembley in the Charity Shield on Sunday week against the club left swallowing sour grapes yes-terday. There was no way Blackburn were prepared to let him come to us," Martin Edwards, Manchester United's chairman and chief executive, maintained. The club made that clear by rejecting our offer."

Shearer, the top scorer in Euro 96 and the only player to

have scored 100 Premier League goais, maintained that the pull of home was the decisive factor. "I was particularly impressed with Alex Ferguson, "he said. "But Kevin Keegan also bas great qualities and it was the challenge of coming home and wearing the famous black and white shirt which made up my mind for me.

The First Sport store in New castle city centre ran out of letters, such was the demand for Shearer shirts. More than 500 tops were sold in two hours at wcastle's club shop.

In Blackburn, where Rovers have sold 15,000 season tickets, supporters expressed anger and frustration. The chairman Robert Coar said: "I don't believe it could have been handled any differently. Alan was not for sale but he made his request to speak to his home-town club. We fought tooth and nail to persuade him his future was with Blackburn Rovers."

Rovers' chief benefactor, Jack Walker, said be was "absolutely devastated by Shearer's decision but added: "The relationship between us is still very strong. thought be was happy bere but there was nothing more we could do to make him stay."

Shearer said of Walker: "He's been a father figure to me. I know we will always be the best of friends. This is the way I want to leave: no animosity, no hit-terness, just friendship." He added: "He battled harder than anyone can imagine to persuade me to stay. But I simply felt it was time for a fresh challenge." Big business plays ball, page 23

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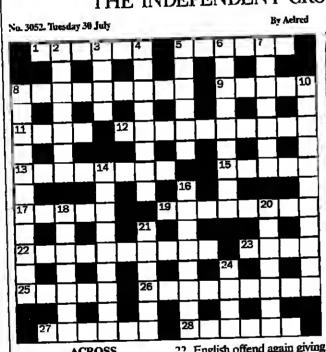
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BRITAIN'S TOP 10 DEALS

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THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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Keegan makes his statement of intent

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent

AGER

Having been psyched out in the championship race by Alex Ferguson, Kevin Keegan is entitled to feel he gained a measure of recompense yesterday. Come May, the balance sheet maybe squared.

As a statement of intent, Alan Shearer's signing could not be bettered. Three months ago, there were whispers of Keegan quitting. Instead, be bas reaf-firmed his belief in Newcastle's potential and in his metbod of

To Les Ferdinand, David Ginola, Faustino Asprilla, Keith Gillespie and Peter Beardsley can now be added Sbearer,

arguably - along with Jürgen Klinsmann - the most complete striker in Europe. Logic dictates one or more

strikers will now be sold. But logic suggested a new pair of fullbacks and maybe a goalkeeper were a more pressing requirement than another forward. But could Keegan really have

allowed Shearer to go to Man-chester United? If be had, next season's title would have been as good as settled. Now, with Manchester also embroiled in the Champions' League, it looks even. Indeed, it bubbles with promise, especially if Liverpool, Arsenal or Tottenham can also add to last season's potential.

Shearer did not go to Old Trafford, but instead to his boyhood heroes. Yet how can they hope to replace him?

they are even more rarely avail-

Wither Blackburn? At least their fans can console themselves with the knowledge that

failed to qualify at the Com-

monwealth Games and Euro-

pean Championships of 1994.

The slow improvement during last season, although aided by the introduction of Lars Bohinen and the return of Jason Wilcox, was built on Shearer's goals. So was their title. Ray Harford has money to spend, hut he has always had that, the problem is that players of Sbearer's quality are few and

For Shearer himself, the move fulfils a long-held dream. As a youngster, he queued for bours to watch Keegan play at St James's Park. Like most Geordies, he has always retained an attachment to Typeside

that this is a romantic move. Shearer showed when he left bome for Southampton as a 15 year old that be is a pragmatist.

wherever he has roamed. Not

At one stage, he did dream of returning to Newcastle in the twilight of his career to lift them from their slumber as Keegan the player had once done. Keegan's second coming changed all that. If Shearer now waited until his thirties, Newcastle would bave no need of him. They are ready now, ready enough for Sbearer to spurn both Old Trafford and

Italy's Serie A. Newcastle stand, as Black-burn did in 1992, on the brink of glory. Shearer's goals may again provide the impetus to achieve that final step.

BRITISH TRANSFER LANDMARKS

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Ridgeon and Hansen keep their cool

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

reports from Atlanta

* ₩ Jon Ridgeon, now on his third comeback after a sequence of inafter a sequence of injuries and operations that would have broken the competitive

spirit of most athletes, took the first step towards his ultimate goal of the 400m hurdles final vesterday.

The 28-year-old Belgrave Harrier, who gave up his job as a BSkyB sports commentator last autumn to have one last crack at reviving his career, won his opening heat in a time of 49.31sec, ahead of Marc Dol-

lendorf of Belgium. But Britain's and also at last year's world world's leading competitor this McKay, one of the British trio, other representatives, Peter Crampton and Gary Jennings, championships. That unhappy record bas found the going too hard on a moraing where the temperature

failed to do justice to a talent that has become obvious in the last two years. Hansen, who began her athletics life as a sprinter and tried middle-distance versely affect Ashia Hansen, who qualified for the triple running hefore settling on jump final with her first effort jumps, has a personal best of of 14.55m, well over the auto-14.66 and the ability to translate matic qualifying mark of 14.20. her potential into a medal here. It was a significant advance for the American-born athlete, who

But she will find the competition extremely tough. Six women yesterday jumped 14.50 or more - something not seen in any othct major championship - with the

year, Inna Lasovskaya of Russia, setting an Olympic record of 14.75. The world champion and record holder, Inessa Kravets, also progressed, but Anna Biryukova of Russia, the former world record bolder, found the standard too much.

There was success too for the Britisb in the 1500m, where Laban Rotich of Kenya ran the fastest heat in Olympic history. His time, 3min 35.88sec, has only been bettered by three Olympic champions - Herb Elliott, Kip Keino and Sebastian Coe. Kevin

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Guerrouj. Britain's 100m burdies representative, Angela Thorp, who has been getting better and better this season, also qualified from her first round in a personal best of 12.93sec.

had to run with Rotich yesterday. !... He managed to take the fourtb

qualifying place with a time of 3:38.02. He will be joined in the

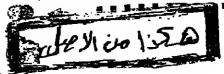
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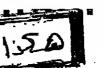
the favourites including Noured-dine Morceli, and Hicham El

Earlier in the morning, Russia had earned their first gold of the track and field programme through Yelena Nikolayeva in the 10km walk.

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Britain's Olympic team chose to fly with Delta Air Lines. And no wonder, we fly non-stop to Atlanta in just 8 hours and 55 minutes, and we have more flights there than anyone else. Delta Fire Fires













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